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WELCOME DEAR READER, HAVE I GOT A GREAT ISSUE OF POKÉMON WORLD FOR YOU? WELL... YES, ACTUALLY! WE'VE GOT A REPORT ON THE NEW TRADING CARD EXPANSION CRYSTAL GUARDIANS, AN UPDATE ON DIAMOND + PEARL, SOME AMAZING PICS OF THE NINTENDO WII POKÉMON GAME AND COMPETITIONS GALORE, INCLUDING 4,824 TRADING CARDS TO WIN... WOW!

Stu Yew

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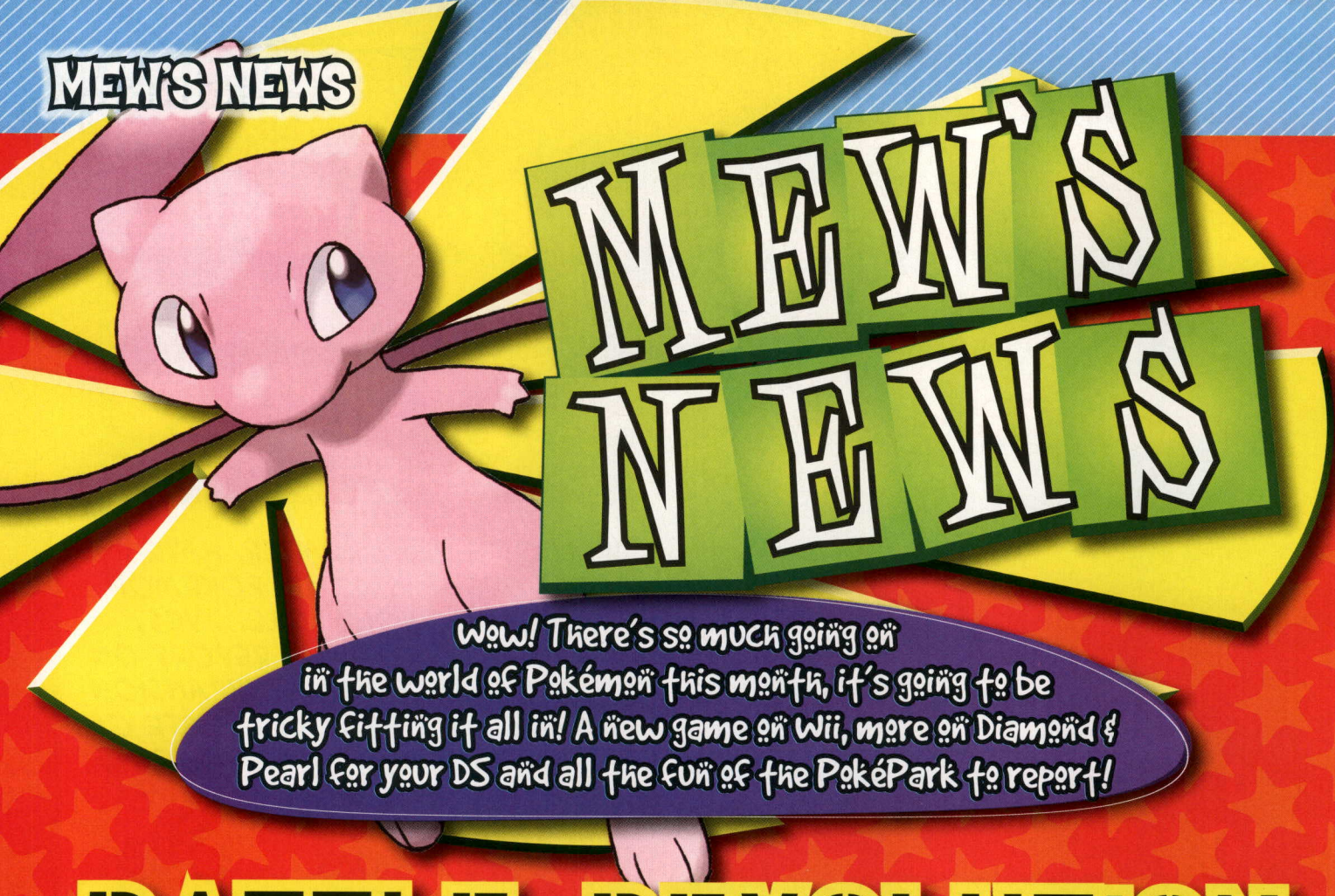


MEW'S NEWS

Wow! There's so much going on in the world of Pokémon this month, it's going to be tricky fitting it all in! A new game on Wii, more on Diamond & Pearl for your DS and all the fun of the PokéPark to report!

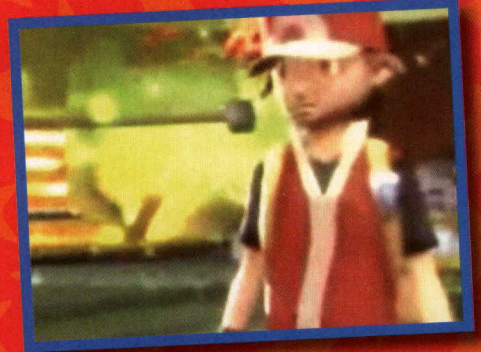
BATTLE REVOLUTION

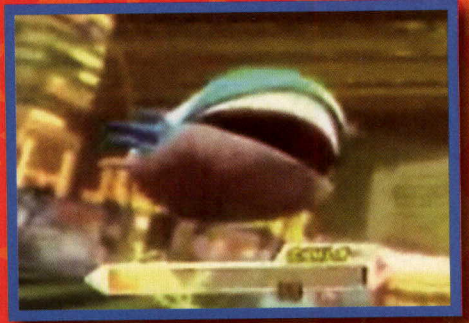
Pokémon goes Next Gen on Wii!

Not content with the great announcements they made at E3 in May, Nintendo held an exclusive press conference in Japan back in June where one of the biggest revelations was the fact that Nintendo's Wii Next Gen console is likely to launch with a Pokémon game! Pokémon Battle Revolution looks to us like a continuation of the Pokémon Stadium series with beautifully animated creatures doing battle in an arena setting. Nintendo's President Satoru Iwata made the announcement which was accompanied by a short but sweet game trailer.

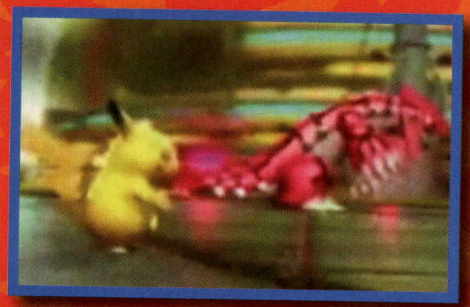
We've now had time to analyse the video footage and can report that the game has two-on-two Pokémon battles in it and will connect in some way, possibly through Wi-Fi, to the new Nintendo DS games Pokémon Diamond and Pearl! You will be able to transfer any Pokémon you have caught from the handheld game to the Wii one, then battle them on the big screen! The connection will also work the other way around, with players being able to download bonus extras to Diamond and Pearl after winning

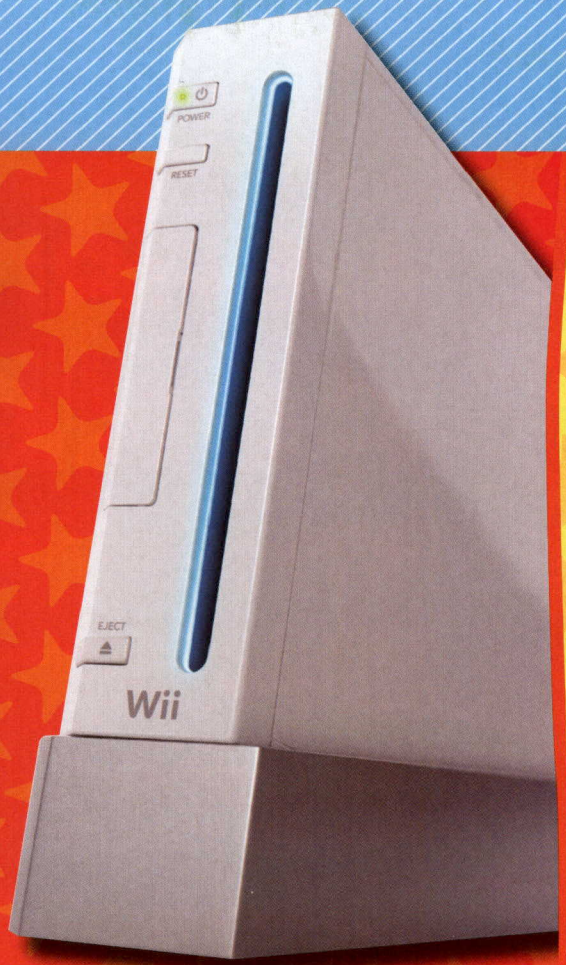
Ahh, it's good to see Pikachu in glorious hi-def, sadly these screenshots don't do the game justice!





Pokémon battle it out in the new game similar to Colosseum.





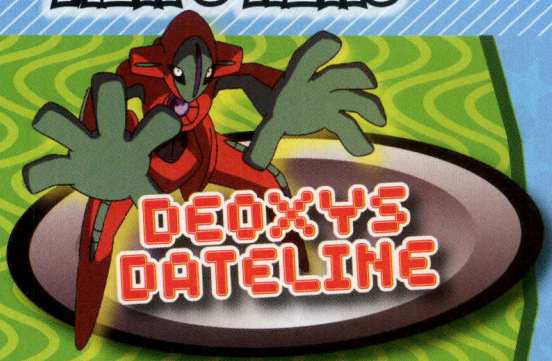
battles and there's talk of online play with Pokémon trainers all around the world!

As well as the Pokémon Stadium-style battles, there will also be a role-playing element to Pokémon Battle Revolution. This mixture of play styles is reminiscent of Pokémon Colosseum, but with a Next Gen Wii extra layer of polish. The new graphics actually take Pokémon gaming to a whole new level in more ways than one – the Pokémon actually make contact with each other now, rather than just use moves from a distance, and the special attacks we saw have an effect on the landscape around the creatures, not just on the enemy.

With a release in Japan by Christmas along with the Wii, you're not going to have to wait too long to see this baby in action. Let's just hope they're already working on an English version.

YOUR FAVOURITE POKÉMON REVEALED!

If you're a regular reader of Pokémon World you will remember back in issue 56 we asked you to vote for your favourite Pokémon of all time. Well the emails came in thick and fast (so thick that they in fact crashed our Pokédex computer!) and there was a wide variety of Pokémon mentioned in your voting. Thomas Huxtable aged 11 from Reading, for example, voted for Snorlax, Rory Seaton aged 10 from Shrewsbury said that Umbreon was his No.1, Olivia Bond aged 10 from Bromsgrove said it should be Zangoose, "because he's strong, cool and cute. He's a sensation to my Pokémon toy collection. I adore him in different ways. He's my #1 now and he'll be that forever!" Great, thanks Olivia. So, which Pokémon was most popular? Well actually it was Treecko, number 252. Being cool, calm and collected has obviously made him popular! The randomly picked Pokéfan to win a DS game is Ben Best aged 7 from St Austell in Cornwall.



Put these dates in your diary...

SEPTEMBER

The brand new Pokémon Trading Figure Game is coming to the UK sometime in September, but they won't tell us when just yet! It includes some fantastically sculptured figures of Pokémon characters. Watch out for it in toy shops, and read our full feature next issue!

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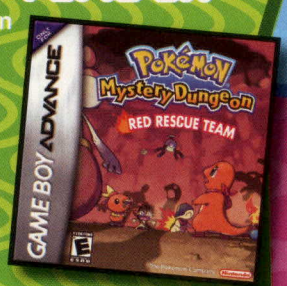
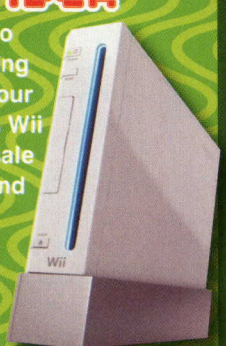


Both Pokémon Mystery Dungeon: Red Rescue Team and Blue Rescue team will be released on this day. Red is only for the Game Boy Advance while Blue is on for Nintendo DS.

6 NOVEMBER

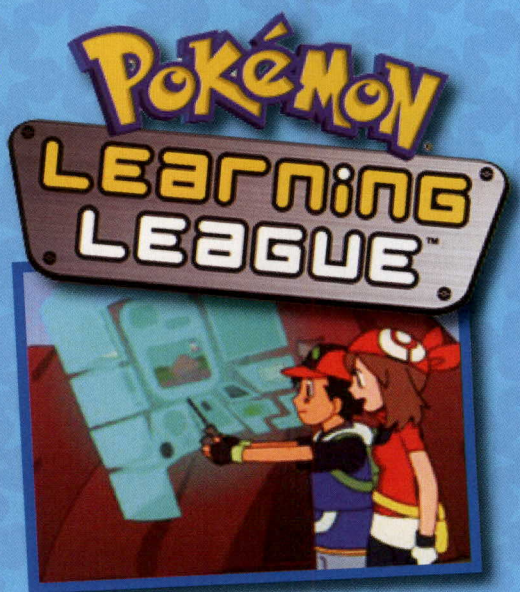


Although Nintendo hasn't said anything officially, the rumour is that Nintendo's Wii will be going on sale on 6 November, and that should mean that you can play Pokémon Revolution that day too – if your pockets are deep enough!

LEARN WITH POKÉMON!

The Americans play Pokémon in class!

Following on from the Japanese success of Pokémon PC Master where kids were educated using Pokémon, the Americans have got in on the act with Pokémon Learning League. To quote them it's a 'web-based series of standards-driven, interactive animated lessons for children in third through six grades'. What this means is that a lucky bunch of kids will get to do lessons in Maths, Science and Language Arts on their PCs, and the educational tools used star Ash and all his Pokémon pals. We think this is a great idea as Pokémon has always set out to teach a strong set of morals to its players, so expanding this to teaching them the core subjects while keeping their attention with Pokémon is genius! Bring it over here we say!



Ash might be collecting Pokémon, but the player is counting them!

RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE!

Diamond & Pearl goes on tour!

Off to Japan on your holidays? Great! See if you can catch a game of Pokémon Diamond & Pearl as the game is doing the rounds at an event they're calling Pokémon Jungle Tour. If you're curious you can check out the event at www.tv-tokyo.co.jp/anime/pjt/, but it's all in Japanese. The tour continues around Japan until the 29 August. Read more about Diamond & Pearl over the page in our mini-preview!

Pokémon Episode Guide

#107 – Pokémon Food Fight

The sea is all stormy so Ash, Misty and Tracey find themselves stuck on an island for a few days. Misty is worried that they will run out of food if they're not careful, but Tracey takes out a book and shows her that there are many plants on the island that Pokémon can eat. He picks some nearby flower, but they are attached to a kids' head – this is Gulzar.

Pikachu is Ash's pride and joy and no-one is taking him away!

Gulzar challenges Ash to a battle and chooses Gloom as his Pokémon.

Ash checks on the Pokédex to see what will beat Gloom.

Ash accidentally smashes Snarlax's Pokéball.

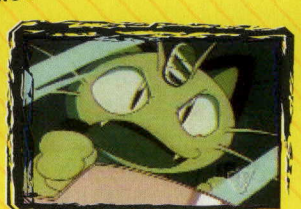
Snorlax east Gulzar's flowers and the kid starts to cry.

The gang then bump into Team Rocket again, worst luck!

Meowth is riding in the 'Mecha-Meowthinator'!

The mad Pokémon steals supplies landing on the island.

Ash won't stand for this and uses a Thunder Bolt attack on Meowth.



Meowth retaliates with robot Power Swipes and goes for Pikachu.

Snorlax appears and soon puts a stop to Team Rocket's larks.

Ash makes friends with Gulzar and the gang leave the island.

Tune in next time for more Pokéaction!

FREE RAYMAN BAG!

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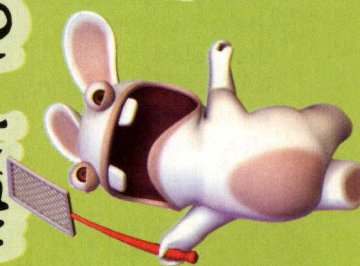
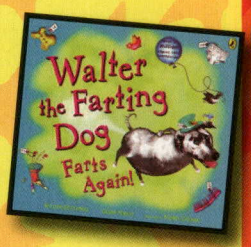


DOWN THE BOOK SHOP

More great books for you to read from Puffin...

WALTER THE FARTING DOG FARTS AGAIN!

by Glenn Murray



Hooray for farts! Walter is the master of farting, being a dog food loving canine, but little did he know when he was sold for £10 that his farts would get caught up in a plan involving a fake clown and a bank robbery! Fun for younger readers, this book will have you laughing for hours as you discover just what farts can do!

SUPERMAN RETURNS: STRANGE VISITOR

by Louise Simonson

Will Lois Lane want Superman back now that he has returned to Earth? Find out what she's thinking in this great new book from Puffin.

SUPERLOO: HADRIAN'S LUCKY LATRINE

by WC Flushing

Superloo is a power-crazed toilet with an ego as big as a planet, a microchip that belongs to NASA and a mission to rescue his toilet ancestors from the past. Great fun!

DIAMOND & PEARL SNEAKY PEAK!

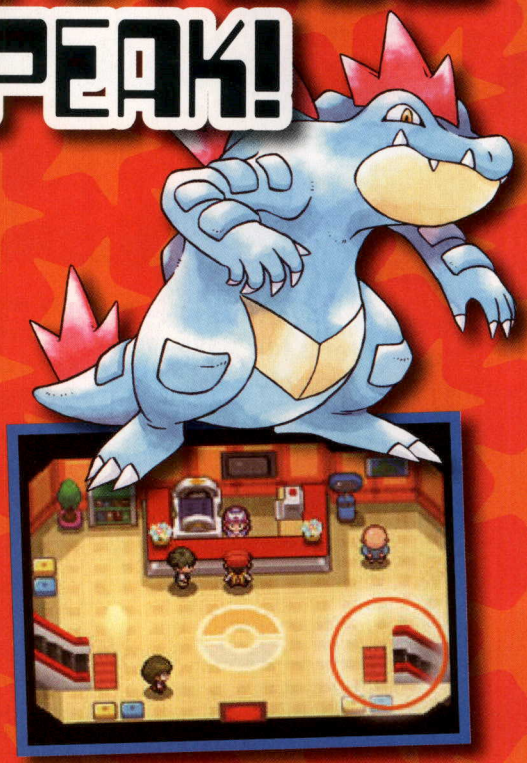
New pics released!

The wait is almost over – next month sees the release of Pokémon Diamond & Pearl in Japan. We now know that the game stars lots of new Pokémon – here's a run down of some of them.

There are Legendary Pokémon in each game – Diaruga stars in Diamond and Parukia in Pearl. Chierimu is a Grass Type Pokémon with a flowery head, Pachirissu is Electric Type and knows a Thunderbolt move and Dorapion is a Poison/Dark Type with Battle Armour and Poison Fang.

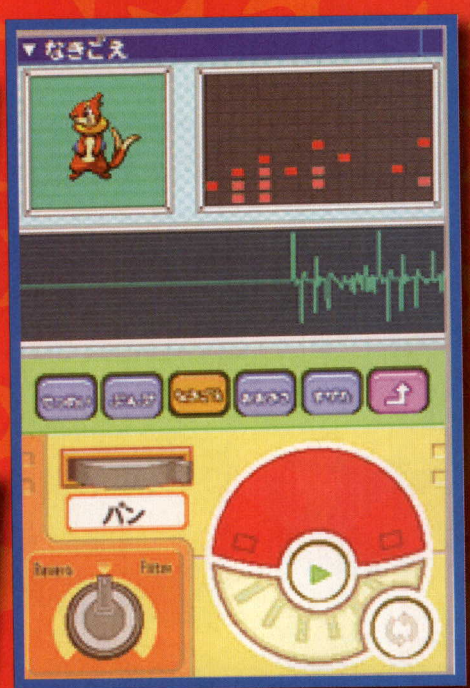
The game will have some kind of Wi-Fi game built in, which will be a fun first, and the evil team we'll all be battling against is Team GoGo.

We're now just waiting for Nintendo to confirm the UK release date for the game.

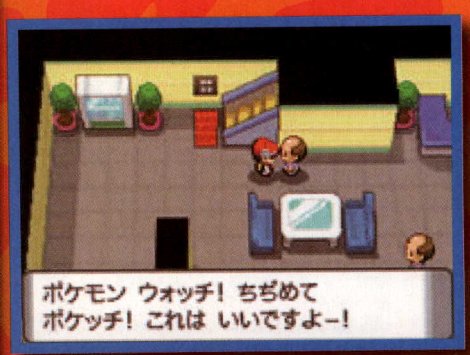


While the basic idea stays the same, there's lots to look forward to!

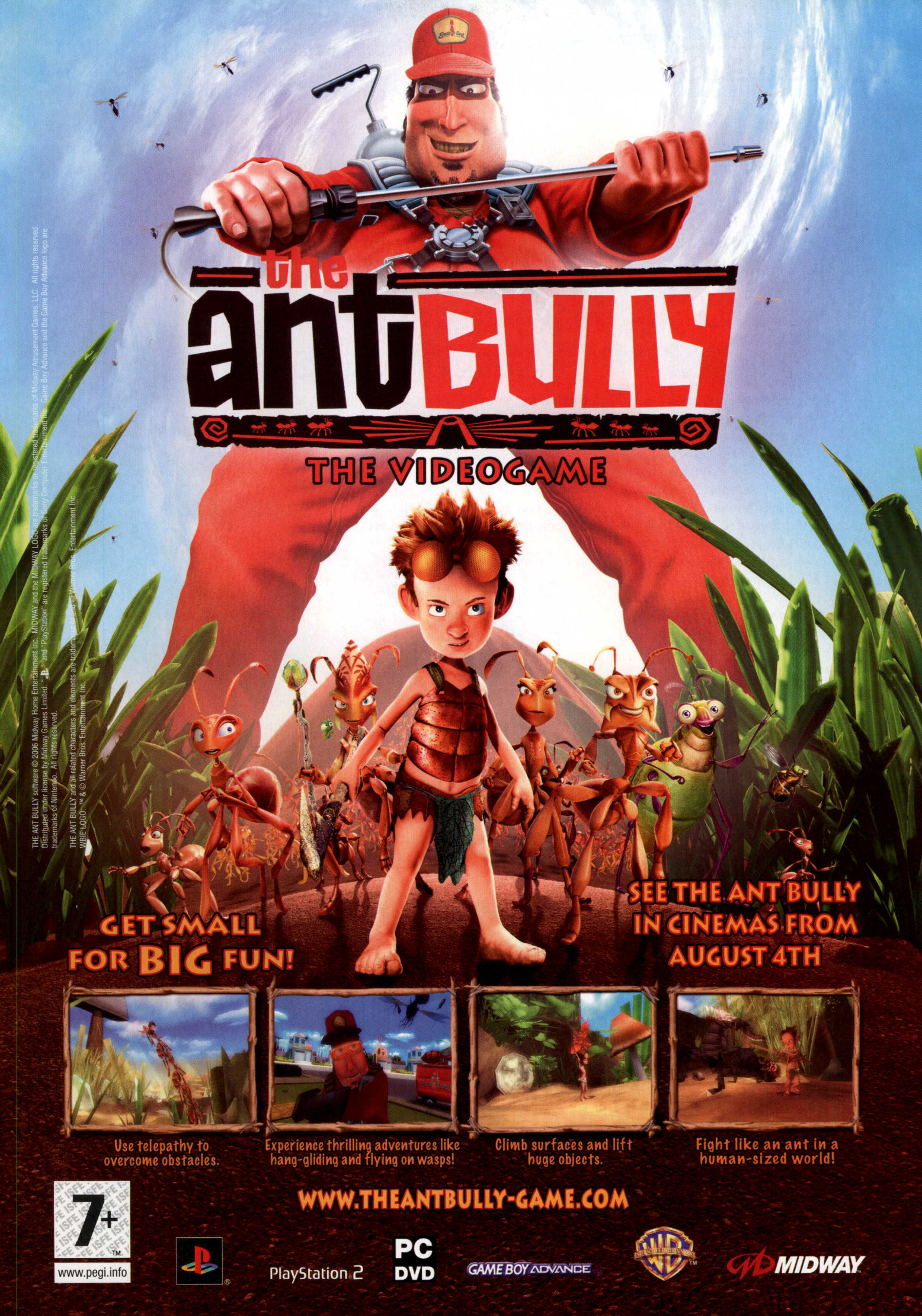
Three new Pokémon star in the game, but can you catch them?



Using the DS's extra screen makes the Pokédex more useful than ever!



Out in Japan on 28 September, we'll have a full review really soon!



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AROUND THE POKÉMON WORLD

Welcome to...

PokéPark!

The travelling Pokémon Theme Park!

Just how cool does PokéPark look eh? Here you can see the full map of the theme park that has **set up for the Summer** outside the National Taiwan Science Education Center in Taipei, Taiwan. It's a collaboration between The Pokémon Company, P-project Inc, TV Tokyo and Nintendo and has been slowly making its way around the world – **last year's Poképark was in Japan** and attracted 4.15 million visitors!

The park has all kinds of exciting rides and attractions based on Pokémon. The **Pikachu Forest allows kids to ride on the back of a Pikachu**, Mudkip's Big Splash is a ride through a watery world where lots of hidden Pokémon can be found, Pokémon 3D Adventure is **a cool cinema experience in three-dimensions** and **there's a Pokémon Safari Adventure** when you can have a go at catching the creatures for real!

We think this is so cool that **we're starting a campaign to bring PokéPark to the UK next Summer**. Would you buy a ticket? Fill in the coupon on the next page and let Nintendo know you would support a UK PokéPark!

DS FISHING CONTEST

All those park goers with a Nintendo DS are able to download a special fishing game that's been made especially for PokéPark. You have to cast your line and coax the fish to take a bite. You can even compare your scores with other DS owners around the park and appear on stage to win big prizes!

The Pikachu Forest gives kids a fun ride on the back of a shiny yellow Pikachu – just don't go on it after having a Pokéburger!

OLD SEA CHART FOR EMERALD

The eighth Pokémon feature film 'Lucario and the Mystery of Mew' released in Taiwan on 30 June and if gamers went to the movies they could get a download certificate that can be swapped for an Old Sea Chart download for Emerald at the park. Now they can catch a wild Mew on Faraway Island!

CELEBI ENCOUNTER

Visitors to the park can download a special PokéPark Celebi to their Game Boy Pokémon games and take him home with them. This is the only way you can catch this Pokémon, you won't find him at any other event and you can't swap this Pokémon with friends who have Game Boys!

Pikachu is a lot bigger in real life, as these kids from Taiwan found out. Imagine a PokéPark in the UK – cool!

POKEMON SAFARI ADVENTURE

The Jungle Safari will bring kids face-to-face with Pokémon!

FREE PTCG JIRACHI CARD

Fans of the Pokémon Trading Card Game have also got a treat in store at PokéPark. Visit on weekdays and you can pick up a limited edition card of Jirachi. Card experts can show off their skills on the park's main stage while beginners can take lessons from Trading Card Game masters.

There are lots of great prizes to win on stage at PokéPark.

PICHU BROS' RASCAL RAILWAY

Dear Nintendo...

As a regular reader of Pokémon World magazine I would just like to say how impressed I was to see the amazing PokéPark that you and The Pokémon Company have put together this Summer in Taiwan. Issue 59's feature on the park really set me in a spin, and I would love to see a similar Pokémon-themed park coming to the UK in the near future. I would promise to come along, bring my family and probably buy lots of overpriced food, drink and souvenirs of our day out.

Yours excitedly,

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Expansion pack 14

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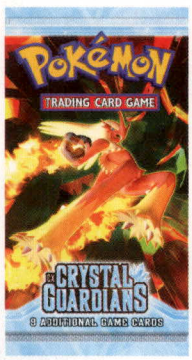
EX Crystal Guardians in stores this month

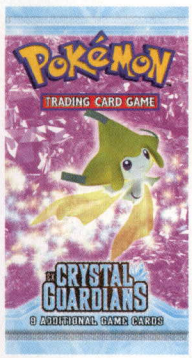
Ready to expand your trading card collection? The relentless expansion of the Pokémon Trading Card Game continues with EX Crystal Guardians in toy shops, newsagents and card collector specialists all over the country. The new Theme Decks and Booster Packs will be available from 30 August and promise to take players to a mysterious island where the crystals can change everything!

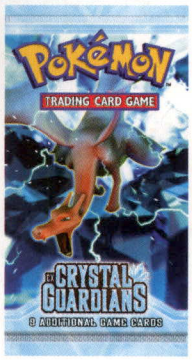
Cover star

Our cover Pokémon this month is Blastoise and comes from the EX Crystal Guardians Storm Surge Theme Deck. I think you'll agree, the artwork is excellent quality.

Booster packs







Nine additional game cards in each pack

If you're a PTCG fan then you will have no doubt been waiting for the new Pokémon Delta Species. EX Crystal Guardians includes Charizard and Blastoise, giving players new ways to play old favourites. There's also a new collection of Trainer cards that are bound to be a big hit in every player's deck – this expansion is guaranteed to change how Trainers do battle! £2.49 per pack.

100 new cards to play with

The full EX Crystal Guardians expansion includes 100 cards, including 12 new Pokémon Delta Species, while remaining compatible with all previous PTCG releases. There are more legendary Pokémon to find and play as well as special foil promo cards to add that extra special touch to your game.

A must for Pokémon Trading Card collectors

You think the regular cards are exciting? Well for all hardcore collector's there's an extra special holographic parallel set to add to your collection. It's going to be hard to find, but that's half the fun of collecting, isn't it?

New cards

Exciting new cards to find

So you think you have an impressive Pokémon Trading Card collection do you? Well how about an additional 100 cards to collect, trade with friends and sell on eBay for an extortionate amount of money?

Theme Decks

Exclusive Earth Shower Theme Deck breaks new ground

Your opponent's are really going to quake in their shoes when you bring out the new EX Crystal Guardians Earth Shower Theme Deck! It's packed with Fighting and Water Pokémon that will boost your playing abilities. Why not start with an avalanche using Lairon's Metal Charge or Medicham's Sky Uppercut, then pound the ground with Swampert's Rock Hurl attack? All Theme Decks are £7.99 and come with 60 cards including a holographic foil card, a Pokémon coin, a rulebook, card list, half-sized playmat and damage counters. These new Theme Decks will rock the PTCG world!

Blister packs

Three-pack Boosters come in special blister packaging

A great way of boosting your Pokémon Trading Card Game card collection without picking up more playmats and damage counters is to get hold of one of these great blister packs. There're not a standard Pokémon Company release in the UK but you can often find them in the bigger high street stockists like Argos. They include two packs of the new EX Crystal Guardians expansion set along with one pack from a previous EX series. There's a Pokémon game coin thrown in for good measure and one of two foil promo cards just to keep the serious collectors happy. The pricing is the same as buying the Booster packs individually, so for a three pack product you're looking at around £7.99.

prizes/48 theme decks, 216 boosters
4,824 cards to win!

Want to win?

Closing date/21 September

Yes that's right, the generous people at Esdevium Games, along with Pokémon USA, have given Pokémon World 48 Theme Decks and 218 Boosters to give away to lucky readers. If you do the maths that's a total of 4,824 Pokémon Trading Cards you can win! Well, you have to share them out of course, but it's a fantastic prize! All you've got to do is answer this question...

What is a Delta Species Pokémon?

A. A Pokémon that has had its genes modified.
B. A Pokémon that has no special abilities.
C. A Pokémon that will only evolve when Delta power is summoned.

Got the answer? Now either email **pokémonworld@imagesdm.co.uk** or post your entry to... **EX Crystal Guardians Competition, Pokémon World, Richmond House, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth, BH2 6EQ**.

Remember to put your name, address and age on your entry and make sure it arrives with us no later than 21 September. Good luck!

Prizes

Competition rules

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WIN! WIN! WIN!

WIN! A PS2 AND 5 DRAGONBALL Z GAMES!

From the creators of the acclaimed Street Fighter II arcade game comes Super Dragon Ball Z, a new, highly intense DBZ fighting experience. The game features an all new DBZ fighting system plus intense combos for super damage! There are multiple unique special attacks and fighting styles for all 13 characters plus five secret characters.

You can win yourself a PS2 and one of five copies of the game by answering the simple question and sending your answer to pokemonworld@imagesdm.co.uk or post it to our usual address marking your letter 'Super Dragonball Z Compo'...

What is the Japanese word for comic?

A. Manga
B. Mango
C. Mangey

Remember to put your name, address and age on your entry and get it to us by 21 September – good luck!

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STAR FOX COMMAND

At last everyone's favourite fox (well, apart from Tails of course) is set to star in his own Nintendo DS game! Star Fox Command is due out in a few weeks time and promises some addictive Star Fox gameplay making great use of the DS's touch screen and Wi-Fi connectability. The planet of Lylat needs your help, you see. And who better to help than Fox McCloud and his chums? Hopping into his trusty Arwing fighter there's a multitude of missions to try out with a unique branching storyline and gorgeous 3D graphics. You get a Commander's view of the mission ahead and can draw the route you would like Fox and his teammates to take on the touch screen. The goal is take over bases and advance across the map,

It's good to see Fox McCloud back in action again, it's been too long!

Console Nintendo DS
From Nintendo
Due out End of August

ULTIMATE GHOSTS'N GOBLINS

One of the classic arcade games from yesteryear is due an update in September thanks to those lovely people at Capcom. Ultimate Ghosts'N Goblins is as it says... the ultimate version of the game. Although keeping the original 2D look to the levels, the game uses 3D in an amazing way to give a feeling of depth. More weapons, more moves and lots of nasty monsters to whack – this is going to be a must for all Pokémon World readers with a PSP! Watch out for a review in these pages real soon!

Down to his pants, one knock and Arthur will be a goner!

Capcom certainly know how to make addictive arcade games.

Console PSP
From Capcom
Due out September

battling all enemies you encounter along the way.

If you don't like your friends (?!) then an alternative way to play is in Dogfighting Mode. Up to eight players can knock each other out of the sky using a local wireless connection or take on up to four players from around the world using the Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection – so lots of great multiplayer potential in this one!

Whichever way you choose to play, strategy is the order of the day in the new Star Fox game. Each ship only has a certain amount of fuel you see and you've got to plot out where they will fly to challenge the enemy before they reach Fox, with stars and time as your reward.

Once in battle the touch screen is used as a radar.

With 15 playable characters crammed in and 30 missions to complete, this new Star Fox game is going to please fans of the series. It's a return to the glory days of the SNES Star Fox game, only with super touch screen control for that 21st Century feel!

All your favourite characters are in the game, including Slippy the toad!

SUPER MONKEY BALL ADVENTURE

It's like the tale of Romeo and Juliet – only with monkeys! A young prince and princess from two far away kingdoms met by chance one day on Jungle Island and fell instantly and madly in love with each other. But, as the monkeys back in their homelands are a grumpy bunch, they won't let them get married! The only way for them to be together is for you to roll monkeys around in balls all day, going between the five incredible islands and cheering up the grumpy locals.

Sega was determined that this new Monkey Ball game wouldn't be just another arcade-style puzzler, and wanted to put some storyline into it – hence the monkey love – but don't fret if you're a Monkey Ball regular because all the trademark elements that make Monkey Ball games so popular are still here too!

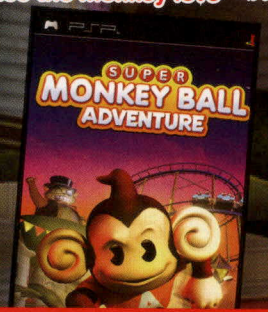
There are 50 puzzle levels in total that can be completed on their own in Challenge Mode, then there's the all-singing, all-dancing Story Mode where you select from AiAi, MeeMee, Baby or GonGon and go around lifting the spirits of the island monkeys for the love struck couple. Party Mode allows you to link-up with some friends for a bit of addictive monkey action and has some great new spell casting powers of invisibility and wall climbing to master. With 60 new characters added to the Monkey Ball Hall Of Fame, this is a monkey adventure like no other!

You can interact with the new characters as you roam around the islands and they will unlock new elements of the other game modes for you. This way you'll find that you need to go back and forth between the various game modes to get the most out of the game.

Party games we found to unlock include Monkey Target, Monkey Tag, Monkey Cannon and Monkey Race – you can probably guess what each one is, and there's a bit of a monkey theme running through them plus you can play with up to four players in either a turn-based or split-screen way.

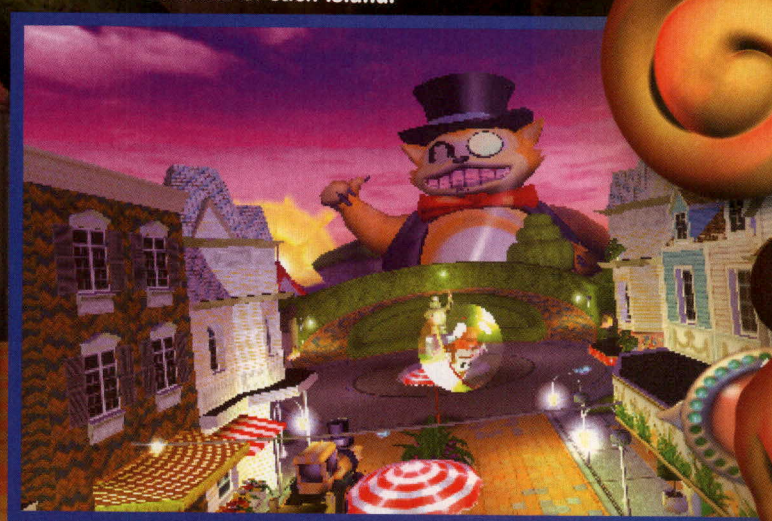
You can even transfer game saves between the PSP version and the

There's a nice monkey to greet you at the entrance of each island.



Console	PSP
Also on	PS2, GameCube
From	Sega
Due out	Out now!

Of course, we don't recommend ever putting monkeys into balls.



Each location has lots of areas to explore and characters to meet, and talking to them unlocks things elsewhere!

DID YOU KNOW?

THE ORIGINAL ARCADE MONKEY BALL GAME FROM 2001 ACTUALLY HAD A BANANA-SHAPED JOYSTICK!

PlayStation2 version of the game, so you can play on the TV at home, and on the PSP when you're on the move. Except, of course, you would have to own both versions of the game, so that's quite unlikely in reality, isn't it Mr Sega?

There's no doubting that this is the best Monkey Ball game ever made, and the PSP version is packed with lots of extras that the PS2 owners don't even get including extra spells and collectables. A great introduction to monkey balling for beginners and a must have for Monkey Ball regulars.

Score 5/5

Will the monkey lovers ever get it together? That's down to you!

The PSP's visuals really shine out in this game – it's a great console!

2nd Opinion

I thought monkey love was the kind of thing you'd only ever see down at Monkey World in Dorset, but no – Sega has brought it to the PSP! I must admit that I got tired of the endless twisting and turning levels of previous Super Monkey Ball games – but this PSP and PS2 game having the Story Mode really picks things up for me as I like a bit of adventuring. There are so many characters to meet and locations to explore in Super Monkey World Adventure that I don't think I will ever discover all the secrets the game has to offer. Great stuff!

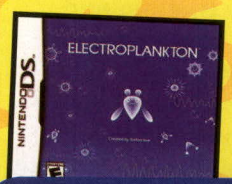
Stu Yew

The new Story Mode is great fun to play through, but there are more traditional Monkey Ball-style levels to keep fans happy too.

ELECTROPLANKTON

When you're told that the latest Nintendo DS release is actually a piece of 'touchable media art' created by Japanese contemporary musician Toshio Iwai, you know that you're in for something a bit different. The trouble is that perhaps Electroplankton is too different to find an audience.

It's all about your interaction with the DS. You can obviously touch with the stylus, but in this game (if you can call it a game) you can also use your voice to communicate with the electric plankton creatures that inhabit the watery levels. As you touch and make noises at them the music and visuals change, creating a soothing and sometimes surreal effect that has gone down well with Japanese gamers, and Nintendo hopes will take off over here.

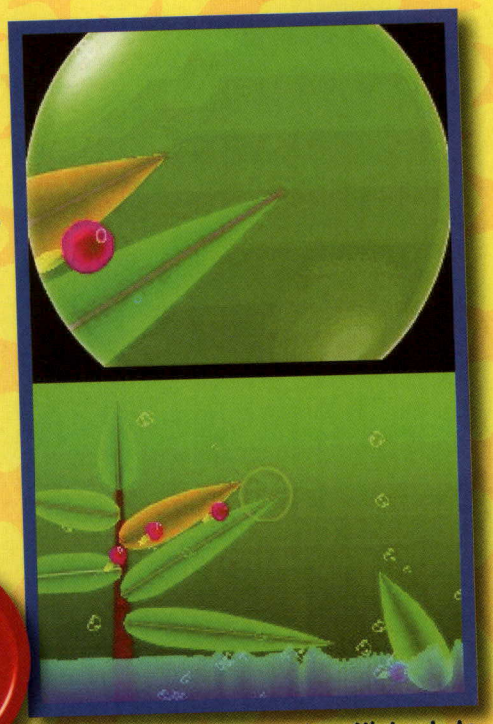


There are no challenges to be met, no objectives to achieve, you just sit back and make beautiful music with the little plankton creatures – and here's where the main problem lies. You can't actually save any of your musical creations to show others. All you can do is jam with the watery critters while your DS is on. Switch it off and it's all over.

Criticism aside though, Electroplankton is a brave attempt at something new, and for that Nintendo should be congratulated. Maybe rent yourself a copy to check it out?

Console Nintendo DS
From Nintendo
Due out Out now!

Score 3/5



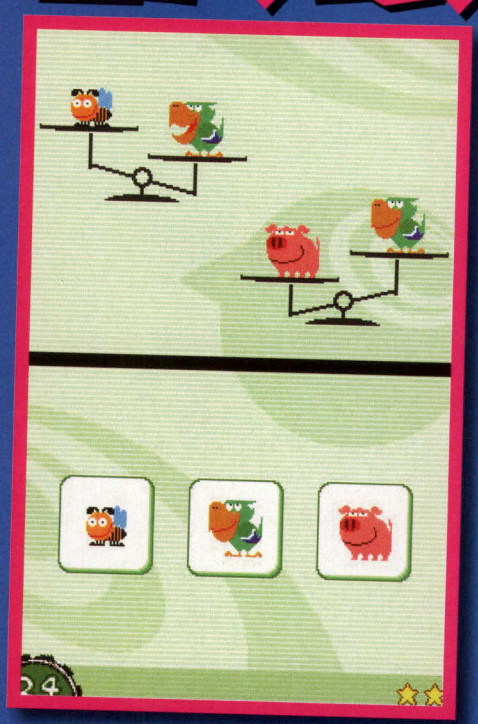
You can always count on Nintendo to do something 'off the wall'!

BIG BRAIN ACADEMY

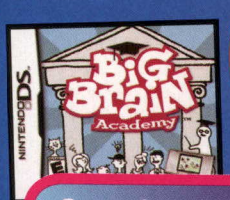
Have you ever thought that your brain was getting a bit podgy? Not exercising the grey matter enough? Well Nintendo is really keen to get the British public thinking more with Big Brain Academy and the more serious DS game Brain Training.

Big Brain Academy is basically a series of mental tests that you control with the stylus and touch-screen of the Nintendo DS. They take the form of number puzzles, shape puzzles and all sorts of fun and games. There are five main categories to compete in: think, memorize, analyze, compute and identify and the great thing is that you can challenge yourself against other Nintendo DS owners using the Wi-Fi multiplayer options!

After each test, the professor pops up and gives you his calculation of the weight of your brain! He then tells you that you've got the brain of... a postman, a bank manager, an FBI profiler – the types of brain are seemingly endless!



All this boils down to a game that is actually great fun to play, and rather than getting told off for playing too many videogames, your mum and dad should be happy that you're teaching your grey pal new tricks!



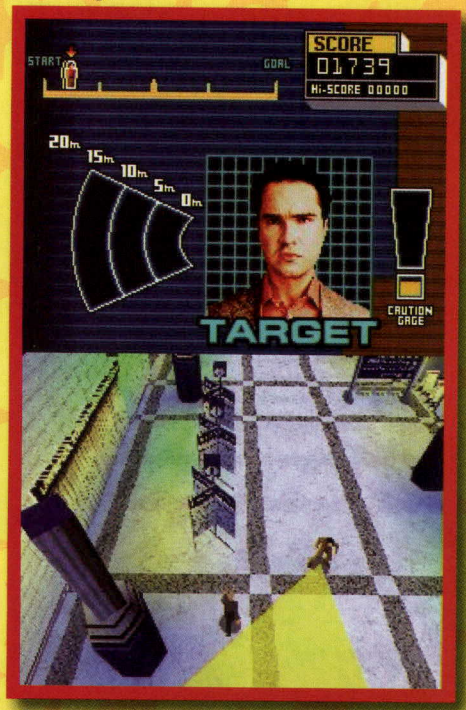
Console Nintendo DS
From Nintendo
Due out Out now!

Score 4/5

ALEX RIDER STORMBREAKER

First of all it was a best-selling novel by Anthony Horowitz, then a blockbusting movie that's in the cinemas as we type starring big names like Ewan McGregor, Mickey Rourke and Alicia Silverstone – now THQ has picked up the rights to produce Game Boy Advance and Nintendo DS games based on Alex Rider Stormbreaker.

14-year old special agent Alex is a reluctant British super-spy who turns to a life of espionage with MI6 after his uncle Ian Rider is killed by a bunch of terrorists. Alex discovers that his uncle has been preparing him for his life's mission all along, by encouraging his hobbies – scuba diving, crack shooting, mountaineering.



Hey, hey! Eight out of ten cats ask why Jimmy Carr is in the movie!

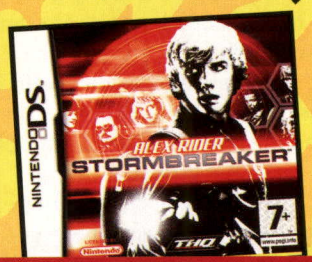
Getting out of the car breaker's yard is a tricky challenge!

Many of the locations from the movie are in the DS game including Ian Rider's house, the car breaker's yard, MI6's training facility and the secret Liverpool Street HQ and gameplay includes combat, stealth missions, vehicles, and the use of gadgets to achieve mission objectives.

As you progress, MI6's gadget expert Smithers, Stephen Fry in the movie, will give you spy gadgets that will help in combat situations and allow you to unlock mini-games.

THQ has actually produced a great videogame of Alex Rider that's got some truly challenging sections to master. You're going to have to learn stealth techniques to complete one level, then master arcade-style gameplay as Alex takes to a motorbike in the next. There's certainly plenty of variety. The DS's touch screen is put to good use for radar maps and the visuals are right up there with the best PlayStation2 stealth adventures. The inclusion of a bunch of mini-games to complete separately to the main adventure will keep you coming back for more.

So, the perfect accompaniment to this Summer's teenage action thriller – and there's a great Game Boy version too!



Console	Nintendo DS
Also on	Game Boy Advance
From	THQ
Due out	Out now!

There's lot of variety in the gameplay in Alex Rider Stormbreaker.

Score 4/5

THE ANT BULLY

The fight for the Summer blockbuster movie game is on... this page Ant Bully... that page Cars. Who will win? Well they're both great games actually!

Midway's The Ant Bully puts you in the role of Lucas, a former stamper of ants who is magically shrunk down to their size and has to deal with the consequences of his actions.

You have to use all the ant abilities to get on in the game: stamina, strength and climbing, and there are thrilling dogfight levels where you're hanging on to a wasp!

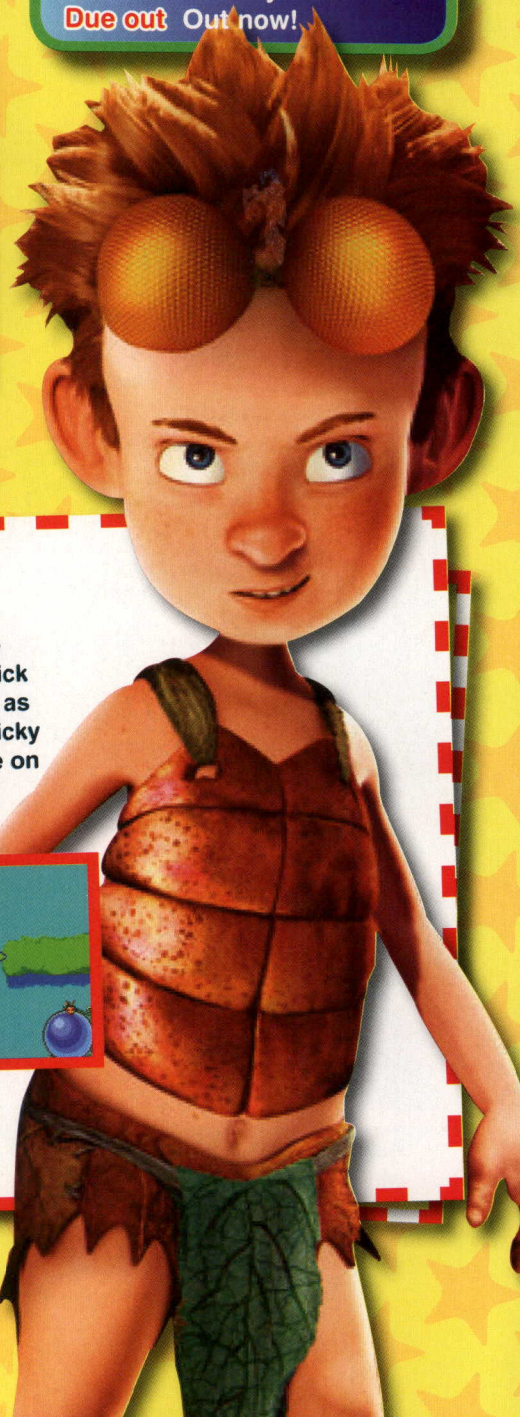
A cool element is controlling the ants via telepathy – you can make them act as bridges, catapults and ladders to help you reach otherwise inaccessible areas of a level.

While we've seen this kind of game many times before on the PS2, if you've seen the movie you'll want to explore the locations for yourself, so give this game a go!

This will teach you not to tread on their little heads!

Wow – try picking up that 50 pence piece! Ants must be very strong.

Console	PlayStation2, GBA
From	Midway
Due out	Out now!

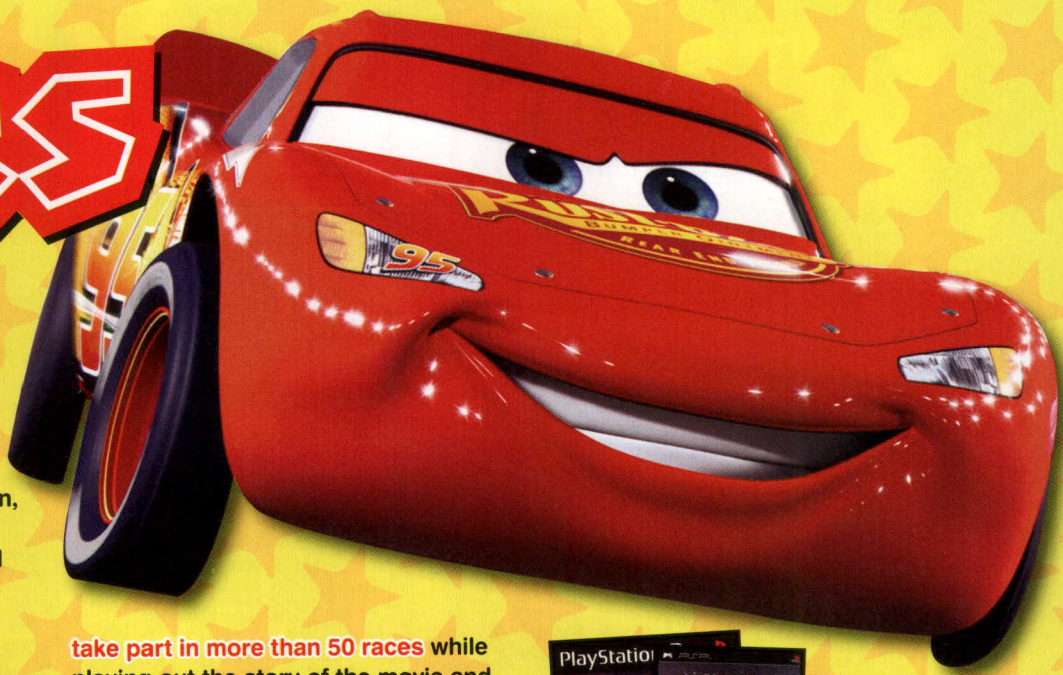


ON THE GAME BOY...

The Ant Bully's story has been perfectly shrunk down to Game Boy Advance size and squeezed into a cartridge. The graphics are well animated with some very slick presentation and there's lot of interaction with the ants and other little creatures as Lucas tries to complete the challenges set. You'll have to masters some pretty tricky controls though – you need to dash through some sections while keeping an eye on tricky corners, pull some rocks and push others and avoid the water at all costs! A great little adventure that we heartily recommend to Game Boy gamers.

You get to chat to many of the ants that star in the movie as you progress through the Game Boy adventure.

CARS



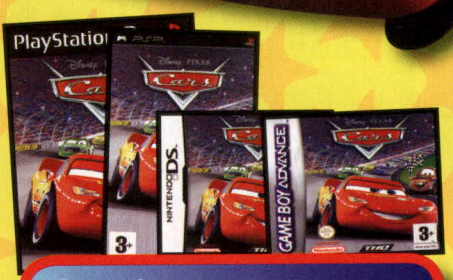
It's the seventh computer animated movie made by Pixar so is guaranteed to be a roaring success and THQ has put together a bunch of slick racing games to go along with the big screen action.

No matter which console you own, you get to take control of the film's star car – Lightening McQueen – and help him capture the coveted Piston Cup Championship. It's not just a standard racing game though – you take part in more than 50 races while playing out the story of the movie and get to interact with ten car characters with authentic voices! You can powerslide around corners, jump the cars at will, power boost your engine and even drive backwards to reach each level's goals.

It's the characters that really make Cars a worthwhile purchase – the games have perfectly recreated the humour and quirkiness of the big screen version and game's story actually continues on from where the film left off, which is a real bonus!

Don't worry if you're not the best videogamer in the world – Cars has a special version included that has been created with younger kids in mind. Selecting this makes the races a bit easier by slowing down the competitors while maintaining all the fun and excitement of the speedway!

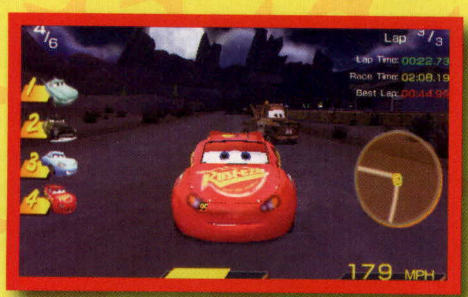
Of course the handheld versions of the game are slightly different to the PlayStation2 original, but they all have the essential elements to make a great racing game. On Game Boy Advance, for example, a 3D isometric viewpoint on the action is used to great effect while the Nintendo DS game has the advantage of giving you a race that's two screens high! These handheld games have less races to take part in though and more of a reliance on mini-games to keep you interested. All versions are well worth a drive!



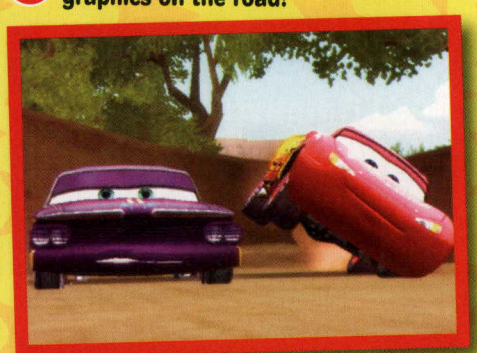
Console	PS2, PSP, Nintendo DS, Game Boy Advance
From	THQ
Due out	Out now!

Score 4/5

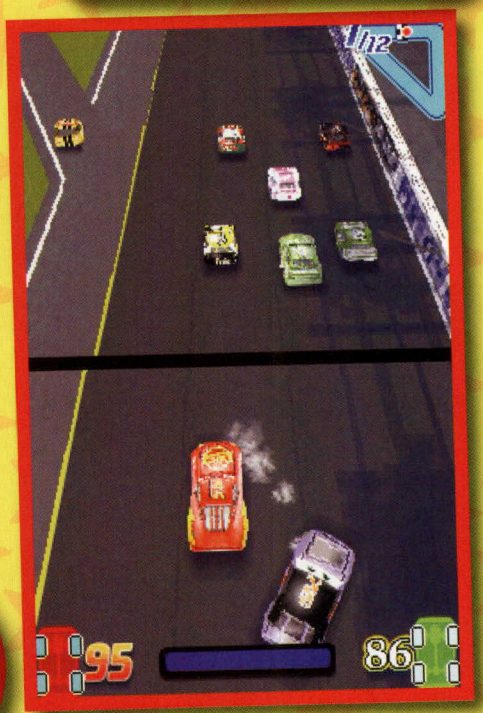
There's lots of super-fast racing on offer on the Game Boy too.



The PSP version gives you great graphics on the road!



Slick manoeuvres are the order of the day in the PS2 game.



The DS game is actually the best of the bunch in our opinion!

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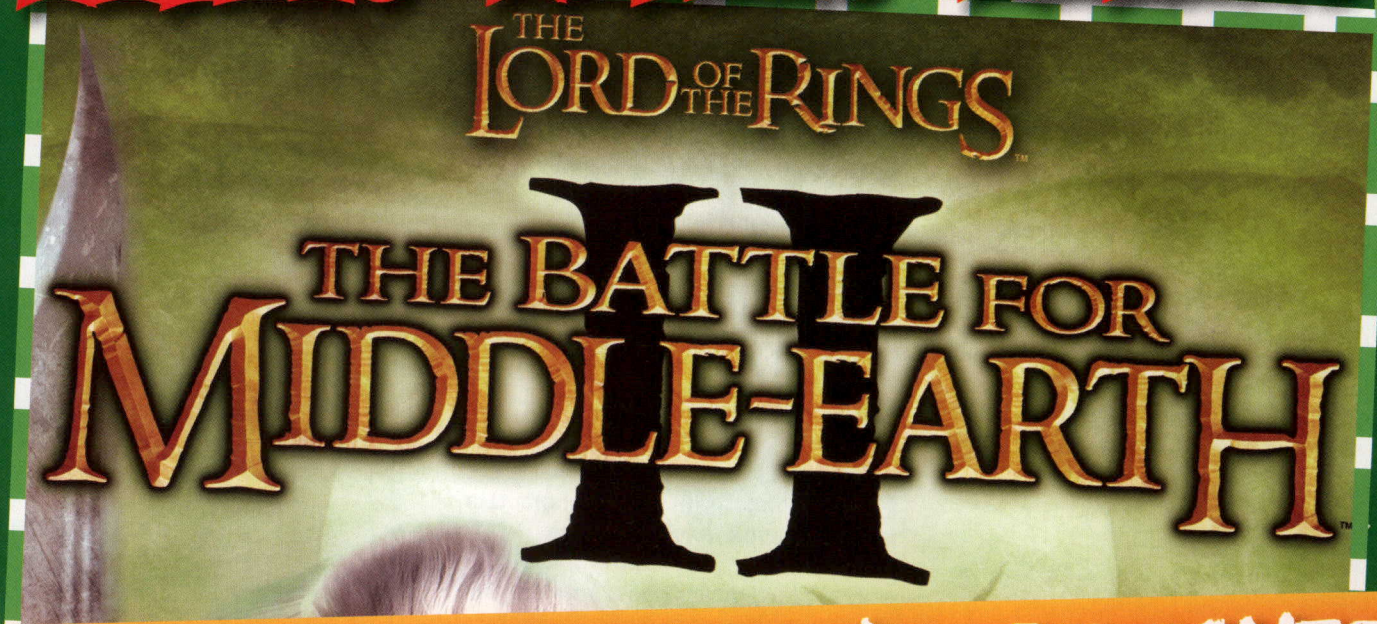

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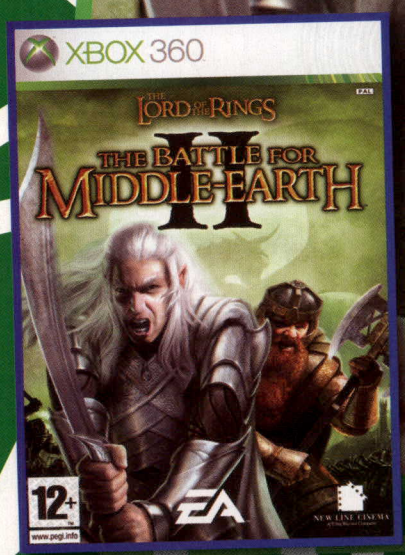

Fancy winning a copy of the new Lord of the Rings game on Xbox 360 courtesy of Electronic Arts? The game gives you the chance to command the epic battles of Middle-earth and battle against hoardes of other Lord of the Rings fans via Xbox Live. It's the first time console owners have been able to play a LOTR strategy game! To win, just send your answer to **pokemonworld@imagesdm.co.uk** or post it to our usual address marking your letter '**Lord of the Rings Compo**'...

Who wrote The Lord of the Rings books?

A. J.F. Roberts
B. J.R.R. Tolkien
C. J.R. Ewing

Remember to put your name, address and age on your entry and get it to us by 21 September – good luck!

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WIN! A PSP AND 5 COPIES OF THE GAME!

Cars is the latest CGI masterpiece from Pixar and Disney and is packed with great gags, state-of-the-art computer graphics and great potential for a videogame... that's why THQ is releasing a game for every console around, including the PSP.

To celebrate Cars release the kind people at THQ have given us five PSP games and a shiny new PSP to give away to lucky readers. Send your answer to pokemonworld@imagesdm.co.uk or post it to our usual address marking your letter 'Cars Compo'...

Name the movie that made Pixar famous

A. Game Story
B. Puzzle Story
C. Toy Story

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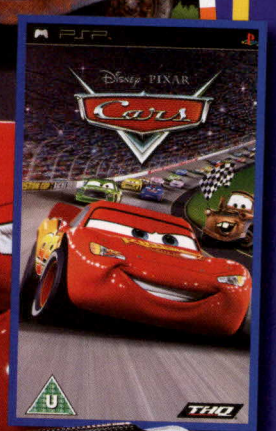

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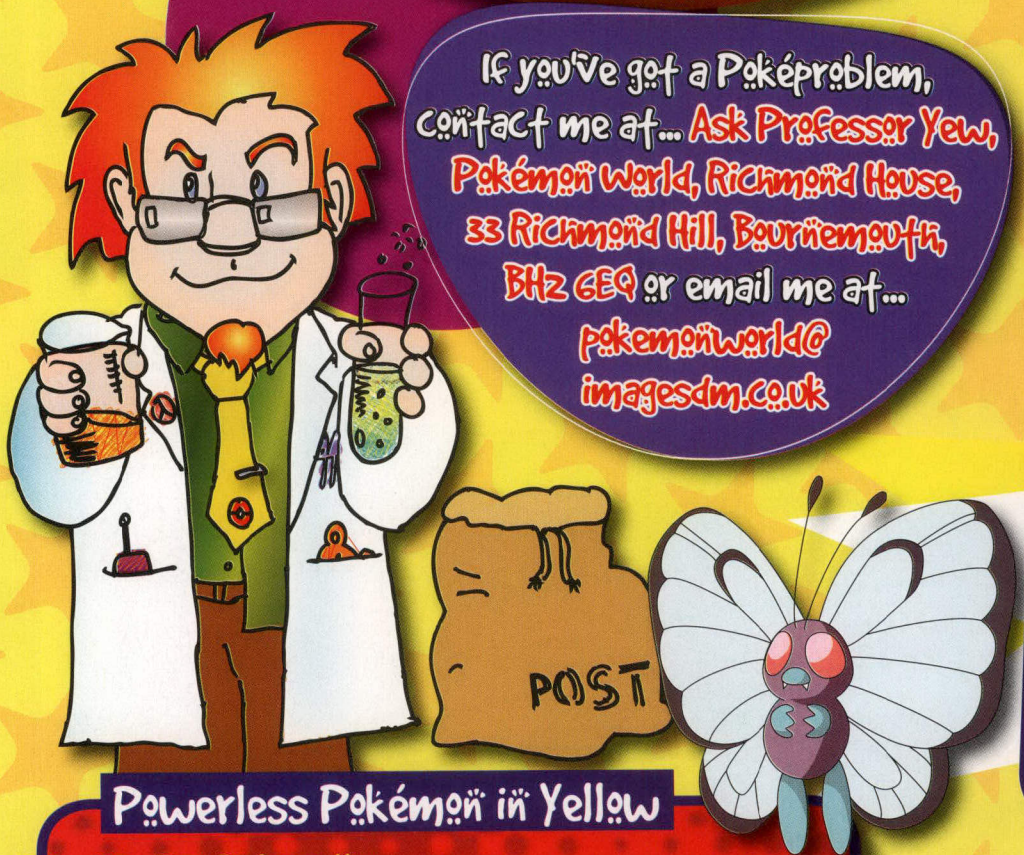


If you've got a Poképroblem, contact me at... Ask Professor Yew, Pokémon World, Richmond House, 33 Richmond Hill, Bournemouth, BH2 6EQ or email me at... pokemonworld@imagesdm.co.uk

Can I Cheat?

Q Dear Professor Yew,
Please help me! I am really stuckon Colosseum and could really do with some help. I really hate having to use cheats, but if I have to then I will. I would preferably like a cheat that enables you to quickly purify a Pokémon, and a Master Ball cheat! Oh, and about the ultimate team – I am using Sceptile, Tyranitar, Scyther, Scizor, Mewtwo and Manectric. Oh, and what is your favourite Pokémon? Mine is Scizor.
From David Barlow, via email
PS. Do you have any idea when Diamond and Pearl will be released over here?

A Well David,
There are very few cheats in Pokémon games, they prefer you to play properly. The five ways I know of purifying a Pokémon are to use the Pokémon in a battle, walk around with the creature in your party, call it out from Hyper Mode, put it into Day Care or use the Cologne Case on it. I'm kind of partial to Spoink at the momenet myself, so I've made him Monster of the Month at the back of the magazine! You can find out more about Diamond & Pearl over on page 10, I think it's out this year, but you never know with Nintendo. Thanks for writing in!

Powerless Pokémon in Yellow

Q Dear Professor Yew,
I am stuck on Pokémon Yellow. I dont know how to defeat Brock at the Pewter City Gym. Everytime I battle him I have to turn off the game without saving! Here is my party: Pikachu Level 20, Butterfree Level 12, Rattata Level 8 (that's all because my other Pokémon will not listen to me!) Please can you help me out.
From Sam, Weston-Super-Mare

A Well Sam,
I can see your problem straight away there – you're Pokémon just aren't up to the fight! Pikachu is useless really as it's an Electric Pokémon, to defeat Brock you're either going to need Fighting types or Psychic types. Mankey or Nidoran are worth a try as is Butterfree and his Confusion move.

Emerald Trouble

Q Dear Professor Yew,
Please tell me were you get the Pokémon Larvitar and Dratini on Pokémon Emerald.
From Robert Manning, via email

A Well Robert,
Those two Pokémon have always been a bit tricky. To get Larvitar you're going to have to trade from Pokémon Colosseum and breed the Pokémon. Not easy, especially if you don't know anyone with Colosseum! Dratini has remained a mystery though – can anyone out there help Robert? Write in!

Plane Spotting!

Q Dear Professor Yew,
Could you please settle an argument between me and my friend Terry? His dad goes away on business a lot and visits lots of airports and he told Terry that he had seen a Pokémon plane. I told him that he was making it up because there was no such thing. Do you know the truth? I hope I've not got this wrong!
From Jeremy, Bath

A Well Jeremy,
I'm afraid you're going to have egg on your face on this one because yes, there are a few Pokémon planes around the world, although whether they're still flying today or not we just don't know. It was done as a big publicity stunt back in the Nineties. If you were lucky enough to fly in one you would have been disappointed when you got inside anyway... it's just a bog standard 747! No Pokémon games to play, no Pokémon charaters walking around. The pilot's not even Ash!

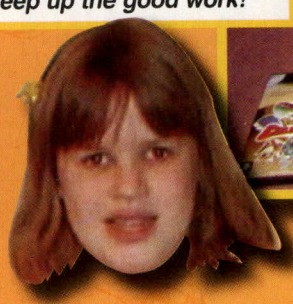
COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Want to get your great Pokémon collection into Pokémon World? Well get someone to take a photo of you with your stuff and either email or post it in!

Dear Pokemon World,
This is me with all my Pokémon stuff. I've got so much of loads of different things, in my hair I've even got a Pikachu hair clip! One of my favourites is a Togepi McDonalds toy that I got in Disneyland!!

Elizabeth Crampin, age 13, Brampton
Elizabeth Crampin, age 13, Brampton

Wow great collection Liz, keep up the good work!



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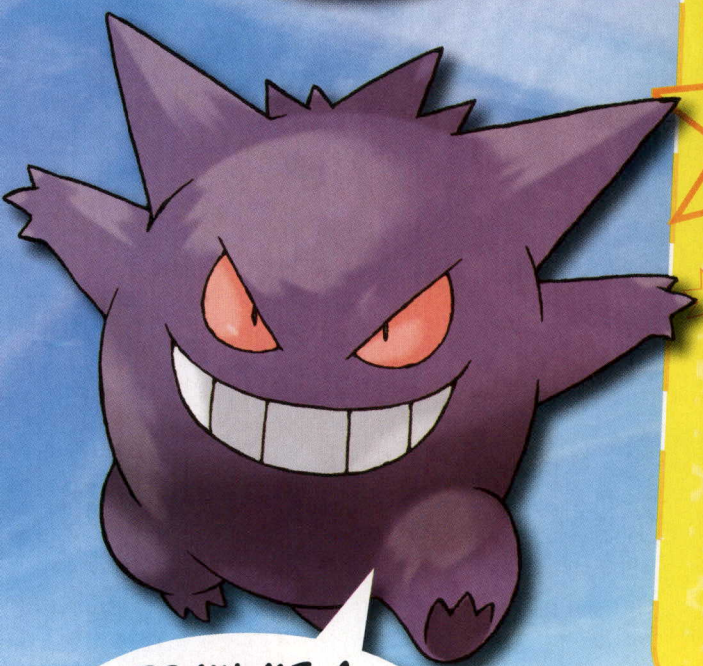

DRAW ME A MONSTER OR I'LL SCARE YOU INTO IT!

Monster of the Month!

Evolution: Demanta

Gothanta

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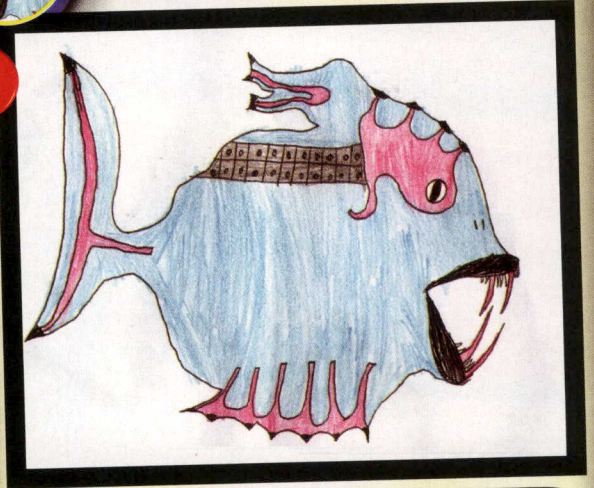

Pokémon type: Water/Dark

Special attacks: Super Fang, Foresight, Hyber Beam, Scary Face

Brief Description: Gothanta breeds in very deep water and can be found on route 127. Most are female. The male Gothanta uses Scary Face to scare off Gyarados.

Jack Broadley, age 10, Lancaster

If you'd like the chance to create a Star Monster too, then send your ideas to the usual address!

Pokémon World Star Monster!

DESIGN A MONSTER

I CAN BEAT ANY MONSTER YOU COULD CREATE!

Evolution: None

Trike

03

Pokémon type: Thunder/Fighting/Dark

Special attacks: Slice Blade, Dynamic Punch, Scary Face

Brief description: This guy could kill you in mainly two ways – you can be scared to death by Scary Face, or be killed physically!

Luke Adcock, age 9, Hitchin

Evolution: None

Draganicog

08

Pokémon type: Dragon/Ice

Special attacks: Ice Breath, Dragon Slash, Hot Air Beam, Icy Wing

Brief description: This powerful creature is extremely rare and dangerous. No-one has ever seen this creature and been seen again! It rests in the centre of Shoal Cave.

Michael Hegarty, age 8, Derry

Evolution: Breed Castform & Surskit

Castskit

02

Pokémon type: Psychic/Water

Special attacks: Weather Ball, Razor Slashing Legs, Laser Eyes

Brief description: Castskit is a spider-type creature. With its legs it can cut anything it sees! You don't want to run into one of these when running through the forest.

Michelle Evans, age 11, Southport

DID YOU KNOW?

WEREWOLVES DIDN'T EXIST AT ALL UNTIL THE MOVIE INDUSTRY INVENTED THEM IN THE 1940S!

Evolution: Final

Mega-Rat

05

Pokémon type: Fire/Earth/Steel

Special attacks: Flame Tail, Poison Fang, Steel Ball

Brief description: If you ever find cheese missing, this little chap has had a visit! You'll only find him in the desert in a small hole. Though he looks cute, he doesn't like being cornered, but when befriended can be a cute pet.

Cameron Price, age 12, Whaley Bridge

Evolution: Grown-up Chanchu

Cramser

04

Pokémon type: Water/Flying

Special attacks: Scrape, Bite, Whip, Horn Dive, Thunderbolt

Brief description: Cramser's Horn Dive can make the whole world shake for ten minutes! This Pokémon attacks sharks.

Daniel Ellis, age 7, Sale

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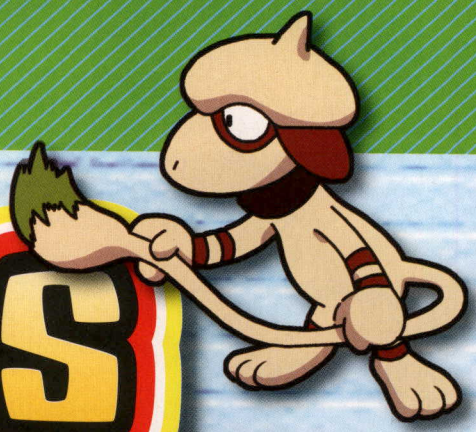
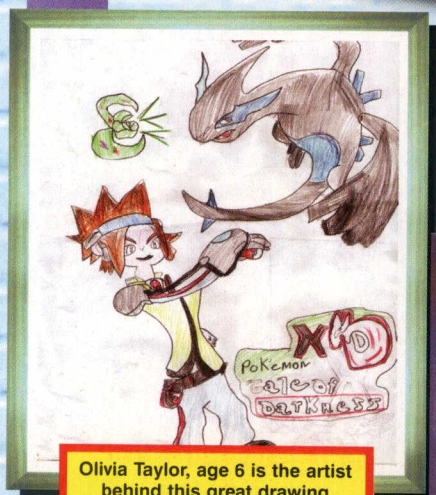


Has your picture made it in yet? Well if Stu Yew thought it was good enough, it'll be on these pages... Keep trying!

Send your pictures in to the usual Pokémon World address marking them 'Pika-Pics'.

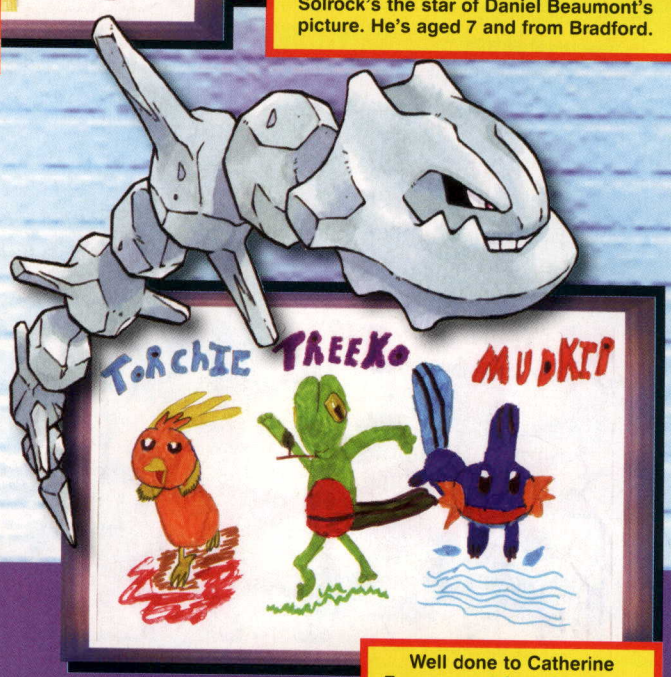


Olivia Taylor, age 6 is the artist behind this great drawing of Dark Lugia and Dan from Pokémon XD Gale of Darkness.

Daniel Kirk, age 10 from Middlesbrough has sent in this celebration of Pokémon!

Solrock's the star of Daniel Beaumont's picture. He's aged 7 and from Bradford.

Luke Fortune, age 7 is the man behind this battle between Pikachu and Raichu – who will win I wonder?



Well done to Catherine Evans, age 9 from Southport – a great Pokémon trio!

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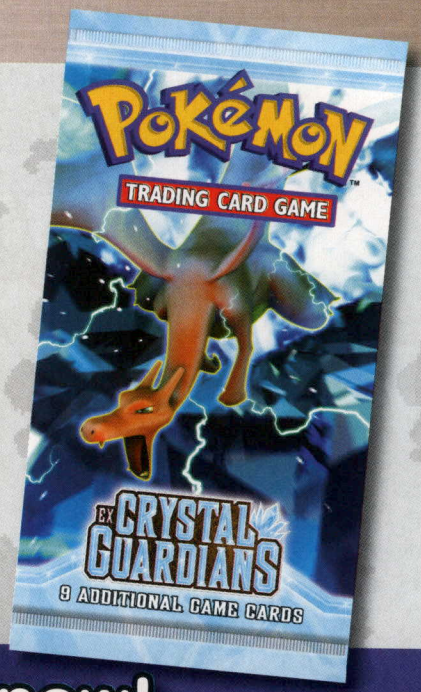


New Modified Format starts now!

1st September 2006 – It's all change in the game you know and love!

Once a year POP (Pokémon Organised Play) review and change the 'Modified Format' that is used in the majority of UK Pokémon TCG Organised Play Tournaments. Older card sets rotate out of the format and newer cards sets join. New sets immediately become part of the format from their official release date.

We thought you'd like to know ahead of time what the new format is going to look like and just what important cards are leaving the format. With that in mind lets take a look at the new format which starts from 1st September 2006.

This means us in the UK will be playing with cards from these sets and new sets ONLY in future Modified tournaments and crucially for the UK Nationals Qualifier Tournaments during the 2006-2007 season.

Any cards from earlier sets that have been reprinted in the sets above or subsequent sets will also be Modified format legal, using any updated text from the latest card sets. For example Rare Candy from EX Sandstorm will remain legal in the new format because it was reprinted in EX Emerald. In addition, future Pokémon USA, Inc., releases will become legal as they are released, per the Pokémon Organized Play Tournament Rules.

NEW Modified Format from 1st September 2006 – DX-on

The Modified format for the 2006-2007 Tournament season will consist of cards from the following Pokémon TCG sets...

- EX Deoxys
- EX Emerald
- EX Unseen Forces
- EX Delta Species
- EX Legend Maker
- EX Holon Phantoms
- EX Crystal Guardians
- EX Trainer Kit 2
- POP Series 2 Promo Cards
- POP Series 3 Promo Cards
- POP Series 4 Promo Cards (yet to be released)
- All Black Star Promos numbered 029 and up

New sets enter the Modified format on their release dates.

The 2007 Pokémon TCG World Championships will use the Modified (DX–On) format. Just what does this mean for us players? Well some of the biggest decks are gone from Modified format come 1st September; we say goodbye to Nationals winners such as BLS (Blastoise EX/Lugia EX/Steelix EX), ZRE (Zapdos EX/Rayquaza EX/Electrode EX), Dragtrode (Sneasel EX/Dark Dragonite/Dark Electrode) and Queendom (Nidoqueen) decks. And along with these powerful decks some of the best support cards go too, like Pidgeot and Rocket's Admin. There is no doubt that the changes will shake up the format and make the upcoming Tournament season really interesting.

So it is time for a change again but that is the format sorted until after Worlds 2007, new cards will be added to the mix with new sets. And the good thing is we now know that no sets will be leaving it for another twelve months.

And remember: file the cards you can't use in the new modified format away. They have a habit of resurfacing months and sometimes years later as reprints in a new set. For example TV Reporters was reprinted in Pokémon Organised Play Series 2 booster packs and we hope to see Rocket's Admin make a comeback soon too. So our advice is hang on to your cards they maybe back in Modified format sooner than you think!

Electrode ex
90 HP
STAGE 1
Extra Energy Bomb
Pidgeot
100 HP
STAGE 2
Quick Search
Once during your turn (before your attack), you may choose any 1 card from your deck and put it into your hand. Shuffle your deck afterward. You can't use more than 1 Quick Search Poké-Power each turn. This power can't be used if Pidgeot is affected by a Special Condition.
Clutch
40
The Defending Pokémon can't retreat until the
Zapdos ex
110 HP
BASIC
Legendary Ascent
Electron Crush
50+
TRAINER
Supporter
Rocket's Admin.
You can play only one Supporter card each turn. When you play this card, put it next to your Active Pokémon. When your turn ends, discard this card.
Rayquaza ex
100 HP
BASIC
Dragon Boost
Once during your turn, when you put Rayquaza ex from your hand onto your Bench, you may move any number of basic Energy cards attached to your Pokémon to Rayquaza ex.
Spiral Blast
20+
Does 20 damage for each basic Energy card attached to Rayquaza ex.

Fake Card Alert!

Don't be fooled by the forgeries out there

So you want to find that bargain EX card? Or you're looking for the elusive ultra rare Rayquaza Star to make your deck really good? On holiday abroad and spotted some Boosters? Looking on eBay and found a too good to be true deal? Or do you just want to complete your collection and grab a real bargain?

Our advice is STOP! Think: is what you are about to buy really a bargain? Ask yourself this one question above all others: Does it sound too good to be true? If it does, you may be about to buy fake cards or counterfeit cards.

Just in case you are wondering what all the fuss is about – maybe you are saying to yourself, "why should I care that I am playing with fake cards?" Well fake cards are banned from Official Pokémon Organised Play Tournaments and you will not be able to play with them in your deck. If you are caught playing with fake cards you could be thrown out of a Tournament. Worse still if you are trading fake cards you could be liable to prosecution! A recent case has seen eBay traders in the US fined hundreds of thousands of pounds for selling fake Pokémon cards.

So just how do you stop yourself wasting your money? Well we'll show you how to save your cash and avoid counterfeit cards by following the Pokémon World six steps to avoiding these Pokémon in disguise...

1. Is it too cheap?

Just how do you know when a Booster pack or single card is too cheap? Well you do a little research before you leap in and buy. It is easy to check price values if you are at your computer buying over the internet. If you're buying via an online store or bidding for a card on eBay just check out what other online retailers and eBayers are selling at. There can be a marked difference with some sites but generally you will get an idea of what a card sells for.

If an online retailer has cards going cheap, then test the water first. Buy a small quantity of cards and see what the service is like. Are the cards for real? You will know after a few smaller deals if you trust them with something bigger. And don't forget word of mouth, feedback on eBayers and of course your own experience.

It is a little harder if you are out in the street and you come across a shop or stall selling single cards and Booster packs. Our advice here is to keep yourself informed on prices and beware of anything that seems too cheap. We pay around £2.50 a Booster pack, although many retailers charge much more for newer sets. Anything under £2.00 a Booster pack for older sets starts to look too cheap. You may have stumbled across a good deal so don't miss out just because it looks too cheap, but beware and check out the other six steps to avoiding fakes. We suggest buying just one pack to start with and opening it up and checking the contents against the tests here before buying in bulk, and if you are abroad on holiday be very wary of buying cards!

2. Does it look right?

Look at the fake tins to the right. Can you spot that they are obvious fakes? Well no, you would be hard pressed to tell they are fake at first glance. But on closer inspection there are obvious signs to watch out for.

The tins say '2007 World Championships Decks' – we haven't yet had the 2006 World Championship Decks released! They are of cheap and flimsy construction, compared to the tins we have already seen and the copyright notice underneath the tins is printed on them, not on separate card as it is with real tins. But we do have to say when we first bought them from eBay we could not see any of that level of detail.

If you look at the image above with the benefit of hindsight we can see that the six Booster packs are not all the same size. The EX Unseen Forces Booster on the left of the photo is smaller than the other five and when you look closely at the packs they are too big and just do not look right.

Now, had we seen the top and bottom of the tins clearly before buying them we would have known they were definitely fake!

Of course, once you have the cards in your possession then spotting the fakes is easier. If you have followed step one then you will not have bought too many. If your suspicion is that you have bought fake cards now how do you tell conclusively if they are?

All real Pokémon Trading Card Game cards are printed on high quality card stock. This has a thin black line running through the card and if you look really carefully you can see it when you hold a card edge on. Look at the card and ask yourself, "does the image and printing on this card look sharp and are the colours vibrant and not too light or dark?"

3. Does it feel right?

Real cards have a slight wax feel too them but are not too slippery or shiny. If they feel too slick or shiny beware! Also, if the card is too thin watch out. Check the other steps and get used to handling the cards and feeling what they should feel like. Always make sure you take cards out of protective sleeves to check the look and feel.

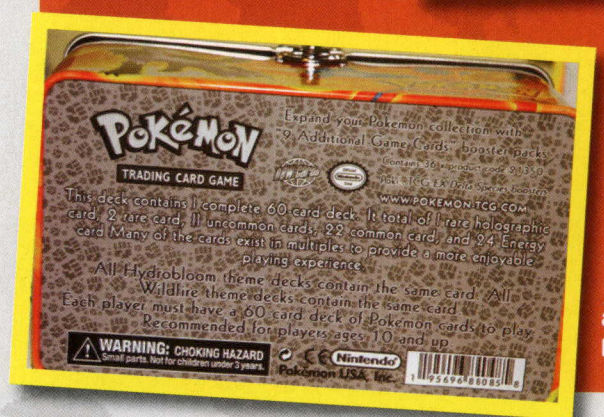
Try the bend test, take a common card and bend it in half making the top and bottom edges of the card nearly touch. As in the photo above, the card should spring back and be unmarked.

Try the tear test: don't use a rare card for this as you are about to destroy a card! If you can't see a black line when you hold the card side on then take a common card from the set and tear it in half pulling it apart so that you can see the black line as in the photo below. The real card on the left has a clear black line whilst the fake on the right clearly has no black line.

If the retailer or trader won't let you touch the card be aware that they maybe trying to stop you spotting a fake. Of course they may want to avoid the card being damaged so tell them why you want to remove it from its protective sleeve. They may just be being cautious just like you! Again if you are in any doubt remember step six and walk away.

4. Is the seller trusted?

Is the seller trusted? This is a harder one if you have never bought from the retailer or trader before. If buying online check their feedback and buy a little at first. If buying from a high street store, do the same. Buy just a few cards at first and build your trust in them. Of course, if they are part of a bigger national or multi-national chain you can be a little more trusting.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This deck contains 1 complete 60 card deck. It total of 1 rare holographic card, 2 rare card, 11 uncommon cards, 22 common card, and 24 Energy card. Many of the cards exist in multiples to provide a more enjoyable playing experience.
All Hydrobloom theme decks contain the same card. All Wildfire theme decks contain the same card.
Each player must have a 60 card deck of Pokémon cards to play.
Recommended for players ages 10 and up
WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD
Small parts. Not for children under 3 years.
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If they are a smaller retailer ask them about their returns policy and tell them why you are asking. A retailer should want to reassure you that they are not selling fakes and they want you to trust them – after all, they want you to come back and buy from them again and again.

Don't always go for the cheaper option, especially if you feel you can't trust them. Take your time and build your confidence in them. They should be happy to see you come back again and again, and don't forget to ask your friends where they buy cards from and who they trust.

5. Is the wording on the card correct?

This is an extension of step two. Once you have checked the logos and holographic treatment (if any) and that the card generally looks right it is time to start looking a bit closer at the card.

Is the spelling on the card correct? In the bottom right corner on the front real cards are the set numbers and set logo, can you read them and are they there? Are the attacks labelled correctly and is there any missing or incorrect wording on the card?

6. If in doubt – walk away!

When you walk away from a potential faker or worse yet, you got duped and have bought some fake cards, what do you do now?

Well tell your friends, word of mouth can prevent a retailer making more fraudulent sales of fake goods, after all you would want your friends to tell you where to avoid buying fakes. You can also report the retailer or trader to your local Trading Standards Office, of you have bought from eBay you can report the trader to them. Lastly report them to The Place for Games via their website at www.theplaceforgames.com.

Follow our six step format and you should avoid buying too many, if any, fake cards. ⊙

UK National Championships 2006

How well did the Pokémon World team do?

Saturday 10 June, the Pokémon World (PW) team woke up early in their hotel and started to feel the heat; and it was not just the brilliant weather that was making them sweat. Your PW team were about to play in the biggest tournament in the UK ever! Up for grabs were six all-expenses-paid trips to the US and twelve places at the Pokémon TCG World Championships 2006. Welcome then to our report on the Pokémon National Championships 2006.

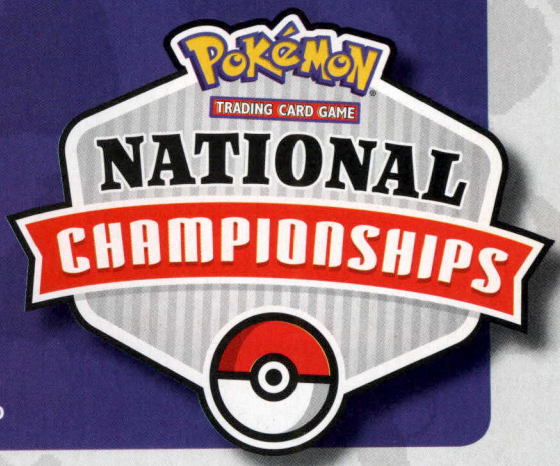
By the time we got to Woburn Safari Park and the Safari Lodge venue it was already filling up, the weather was fantastic and we decided to queue up for a slush puppy with lots of ice before taking a wander amongst the first arrivals of the 180-plus players that eventually turned up to play.

The doors did not officially open until 9am, although there were players all around the Safari Lodge from 8am onwards. We joined the queue to register for the Tournament and started chatting to the players in the line.

Here is a PW top tip for any of you going to City Championships, Regional Championships, State Championships and Nationals during the 2006-2007 season: Prepare your deck lists before the Tournament starts. We had prepared our deck lists ahead of time so we only queued once to register, whereas a lot of the players were queuing to register, finding out they needed a deck list and then having to go away list the contents of their deck and then come back to queue again with their deck list to finish their registration. Not only does having your deck list ready save you time, it stops potential opponents getting a look at your deck before the tournament starts, so make your deck list before the tournament. You can find an official deck list at the Pokémon Organised Play website: op.pokemon-tcg.com. Take a look under Tournaments and then Rules & Resources.

Once registered each player was given a fantastic goodie bag with six Pokémon Organised Play Boosters, both Series II and Series III; an exclusive Nationals Promo Card; an UltraPro four pocket page Pokémon themed card holder, a packet of Pokémon sweets and a PokéBall with a Pokémon figure inside! Clutching our goodie bags and munching sweets we started to mingle some more.

Now The Place for Games who were running the event handled registration really well, but, just when they thought we could all sit down to play the laptop computer they were using crashed and they had to start entering all the registration data again! Because of the laptop crash the tournament start was delayed by an hour and a half!



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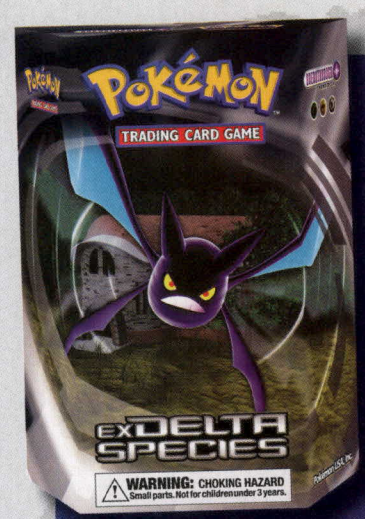


Delay or no delay, Pokémon players never miss a chance to train and impromptu TCG battles started to break out all over the Safari Lodge. Wherever players could find a space to play, there was a game going on.

As well as the TCG battles, players kept themselves occupied by trading cards with each other, or by playing in one of the demonstrations of the new Pokémon Figure Game (due out in September). There was Pokémon Trozei on six Nintendo DS pods and the 10th Anniversary GBA downloads too!

Once the laptop problem was fixed the Tournament started and once the TCG battles commenced the mood changed and the Safari Lodge was buzzing with sound of intense games and tense gamers. Tempers may have got a little frayed sometimes in the heat of the day and the heat of the battles but players were kept cool with a free supply of iced water.

The break for lunch came not long after the first rounds had been played and once again the Tournament organisers, The Place for Games, showed just how much effort they put into the UK Nationals with a free buffet lunch for all players and their companions.

Depending on which age group you were in, due to the different number of players in each group, you either played six or seven rounds of one game Swiss matches. At the end of the Swiss rounds your results were totalled and the cut to top 16 for the knockout stages was made.

Now the pressure was really on, some of the PW team made the top 16 and we can tell you the gaming was intense. Players were now playing best-of-three matches, they needed two wins out of three, or a win and time called, if they were to continue to the next stage of the Tournament. Some games were taking a full hour to complete and were incredible to watch as the UK's most talented players showed why they were good enough to progress further. We are pleased to say or team made top eight in the 11-14 and 15+ age groups and we were just itching to see who would win in the finals.

It was not all intense battles and we did get chance to talk to players and Pokémon fans who did not make the top cut. Emma Callaghan was enjoying her day at Nationals and was ably supported by her MewTwo T-shirt wearing teddy bear!

Ditto meanwhile was impressed by Nicholas Hancox who showed our team just how good a player he was with his awesome Walrein EX deck. He nearly knocked our team out

What a great place to hold a Pokémon Trading Card Game Tournament – a Safari Lodge!

Nicholas Hancox's Walrein EX Deck

Pokémon (15)

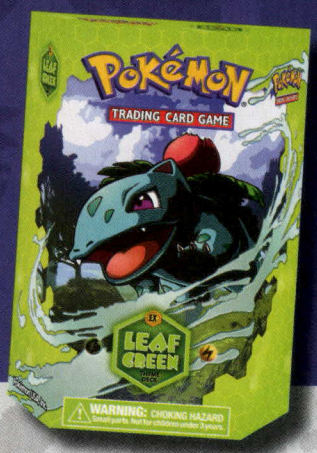
1 x Latias (Duel Aura) (EX Holon Phantoms)
2 x Latios (Duel Aura) (EX Holon Phantoms)
2 x Rayquazza (EX Holon Phantoms)
3 x Absol (EX Hidden Legends)
3 x Spheal (EX Hidden Legends)
1 x Sealeo (EX Hidden Legends)
3 x Walrein EX (EX Hidden Legends)

Trainers (24)

4 x TV Reporter (Pokémon Organised Play series II)
3 x Master Ball (EX Delta Species)
3 x Lannette's Net Search (EX Emerald)
4 x Rare Candy (EX Emerald)
3 x Cursed Stone (EX Legend Maker)
3 x Energy Search (EX Unseen Forces)
2 x Battle Frontier (EX Emerald)
2 x Double Full Heal (EX Emerald)

Energy (21)

6 x Water Energy
5 x Fire Energy
3 x Fighting Energy
4 x Holon FF Energy (EX Delta Species)
3 x Delta Rainbow Energy (EX Holon Phantoms)



The under tens really know how to play this game – there's some really hot players!

of the top 16 but we just scraped a win.

In the end though, as we predicted in last issue of Pokémon World, the winning players were from those who had proved themselves time and again by winning multiple Pokémon City Championships and Regional Championships. We've featured most of them heavily in the last two issues including detailed run-downs on their decks, and when the dust settled we were proud to see our predictions of who would place in the top eight players coem true in at least two of the age groups.

Sami Sekkoum won the 15+ age group and was joined on the winners podium by his younger brother Fares Sekkoum who won the ten and under age group. Nicholas Fotheringham won back to back UK Nationals Titles by taking the 11-14 age group and Shaun Banham and Christopher Fotheringham both won a place at this year's World Championships.

Win or lose the day was fun all the way, all the players went away smiling, loaded down with Pokémon goodie bags and tired after a long day's play. If you missed out on the fun at this year's UK Nationals and want to join us next year do not despair – the UK qualifiers for the 2007 Nationals start with City Championships and Regional Championships for the 2006-2007 season from November onwards.

We will have all the details for you ahead of the Tournaments, reviews of winners and their decks and more Pokémon TCG news than any other UK magazine. So make sure you keep up-to-date and get your copy of Pokémon World on order, and we will see you at a Pokémon TCG Tournament near you soon!

Qualifying players from the UK for Worlds 2006

10yrs & Under

Fares Sekkoum
Adam Hawkins
Christopher Fotheringham
David Wyatt

11yrs – 14yrs

Nicholas Fotheringham
Adam Ahmet
Owen McGana
Shaun Banham

15yrs +

Sami Sekkoum
Faisal Khan
Yasim Sekkoum
Nick Lote

The category is called 15+, but some of the players may have been more at home in a 50+ game! I wonder if they enjoyed their pencil case free with this issue?

Check out last months issue for the nearest leagues to you or visit www.theplaceforgames.com or op.pokemon-tcg.com/tournaments/locator for a list of Leagues and Tournaments near you.

poké puzzles!

Another brain-busting puzzle special for you to get to grips with. If you've got some ideas for puzzles, send them in to the usual address!

spot the difference

The new Pokémon movie is going great guns over in Japan, and we've cashed in on the fun by hiding 10 differences in the movie poster above. Can you find them all?

dotty dot to dot

Who is hiding here? Join the dots from 1 to 32 and A to M to find out!

blanketty blank

Five water Pokémon are hiding out in these blanks. Can you guess who they are?

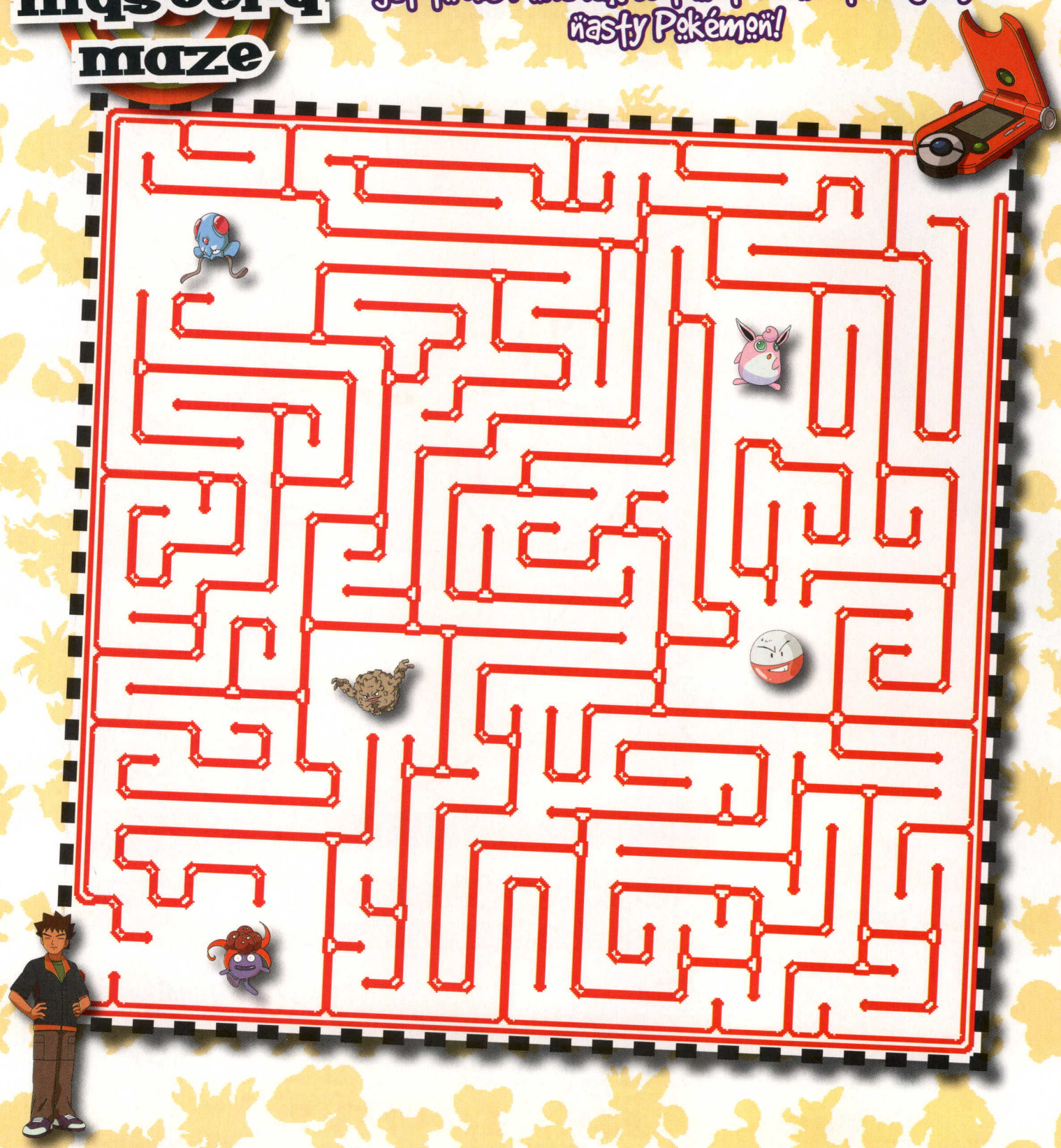
WAR_____ HOR___ SEA

____DAUNT ____YU

_EE__S TENTA_____

magical mystery maze

Silly old Brock has gone and got himself stuck on the wrong side of a nasty maze. Help him get to his Pokédex without encountering any nasty Pokémon!



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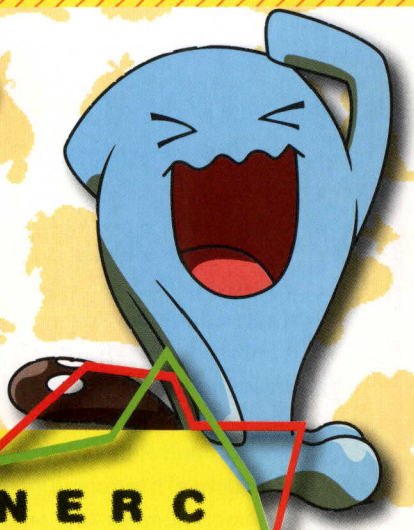

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There are 20 Psychic Pokémon hidden in the wordsearch and we're being kind this month because here they all are... ABRA, MEW, HYPNO, SPOINK, WYNAUT, WOBBUFFET, MRMIME, KIRLIA, GIRAFARIG, JYNX, JIRACHI, BALTOY, SOLROCK, MEWTWO, LUGIA, CLAYDOL, UNOWN, XATU, MEDICHAM, ESPEON

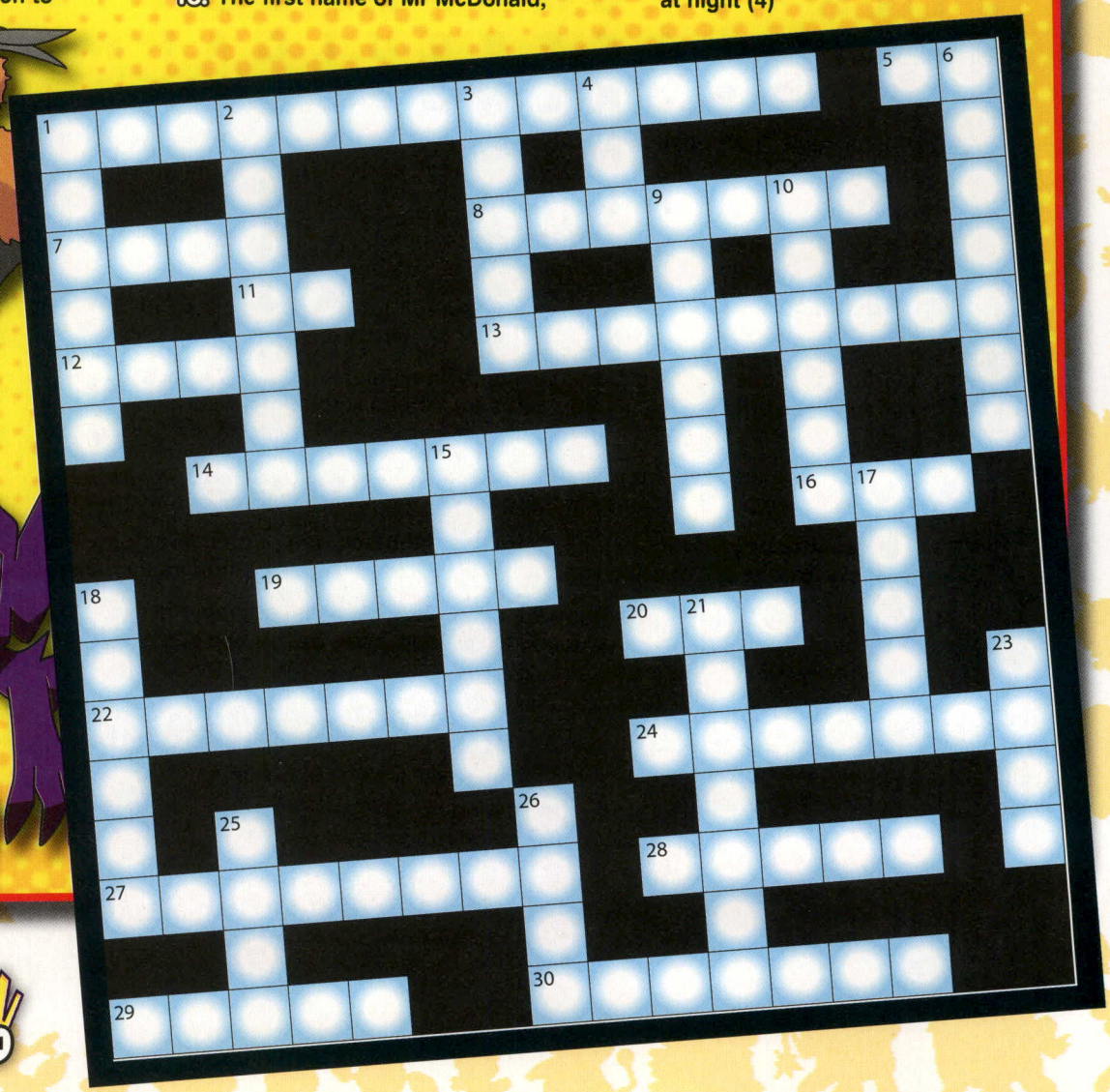
crossword capers!

ACROSS

1. The name of the seventh Pokémon movie (7,6)
5. The Prisoner __ Azkaban (2)
7. The name of a Pokémon that will evolve into Kadabra (4)
8. A round, electric Pokemon that is numbered 100 (7)
11. If someone is very bright, they will have a high __ (2)
12. England and Real Madrid soccer ace Michael's surname (4)
13. Pokémon number 148, an evolution of Dratini (9)
14. This Pokémon can scatter rain clouds at will and even make water evaporate (7)
16. Another name for 'father' (3)
19. The name of Shrek's princess in the brilliant films! (5)
20. If you are a ___ boy or girl, Santa Claus doesn't bring any presents on Christmas day (3)
22. A Pokémon that puts enemies to sleep, and then goes on to eat their dreams (7)
24. The name for the official list of all the Pokémon and their numbers (7)
27. A huge animal with big ears that never forgets! (8)
28. Somebody who flies a plane (5)
29. One of these will help you find your way in the dark (5)
30. A destructive Pokémon that evolves into Rhydon (7)

DOWN

1. Dratini, Bagon and Shelgon are all types of Pokémon (6)
2. Ash is the most famous _____ of them all! (7)
3. Pop star Craig's surname (5)
4. A type of bird that can turn its head right the way round! (3)
6. Pokemon LeafGreen and ____ ___ (4,3)
9. This bouncy animal is great friends with Winnie The Pooh (6)
10. The first name of Mr McDonald, the burger-loving clown (6)
15. A Pokemon under attack might be said to be in _____ (6)
18. 10 is what you get when eight is _____ to two! (5)
18. ___ ___ Moody, who once taught Defence Against The Dark Arts at Hogwarts (3,3)
21. Said to be a Pokémon predecessor that swam in the primordial sea using its eight wings (7)
23. The way out (4)
25. You do this with your clothes (4)
26. Something that twinkles in the sky at night (4)



first letter fumble

Name the Pokémon described in each question and put the first letter of your answer into the corresponding box. You will then find the name of one of the new Pokémon games coming out this year! Good luck.

1. To support its weight, this Pokémon's legs and trunk grow thick and strong. If it starts spending more time lying in the sunlight, it's a sign that the bud will bloom into a large flower soon.
2. This creature is the evolved form of a Cubone that has overcome its sadness at the loss of its mother and grown tough. This Pokémon's tempered and hardened spirit is not easily broken.
3. A Flying Pokémon, this creature carries its food bundled up in its tail. There once was a famous explorer who managed to reach the peak of Mt. Everest thanks to one of these Pokémon sharing its food.
4. Legend has it that this Pokémon came into being when nine wizards possessing sacred powers merged into one. This Pokémon is highly intelligent – it can understand human speech.
5. This Pokémon stores enormous amounts of energy inside its body. It is said to alter weather conditions in its vicinity by discharging energy from the crystals on its neck and tail.
6. This Pocket Monster searches for fertile, nutrient-rich soil, then plants itself. During the daytime, while it is planted, this Pokémon's feet are thought to change shape and become similar to the roots of trees.
7. This Pokémon's feet are tipped with tiny hooked claws that enable it to scuttle on ceilings and vertical walls. This Pokémon constricts the foe with thin and strong silk webbing.

5	1	7	2	6	4	3

ace anagrams

Here are five anagrams. Can you unjumble the letters to find the names of five Ice type Pokémon?

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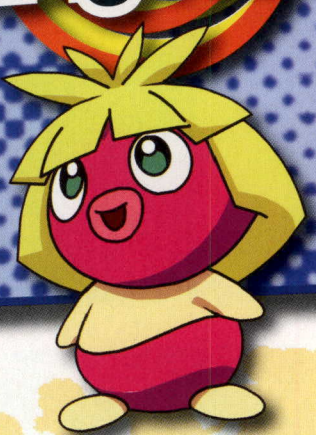
AIR COUNT

REAL WIN

CEL STORY

CHUMS MOO



REVIEWS ROUND-UP

ALL THE BEST

Pokémon™

Pokémon Red and Blue

Format: Game Boy Color
Issue reviewed: 1

In September 1999, Pokémon arrived in the UK and went on to sell by the bucket load! A small boy is given his first Pokémon by Professor Oak and asked to catch and train all 151 Pokémon to become a Pokémon Master. You must train your monster to fight and then try to outwit the wild Pokémon hiding in long grass and caves.

Summing up:
Where it all started: still fun to play today!

Score 4/5

Pokémon Pinball

Format: Game Boy Color
Issue reviewed: 1

You're guaranteed serious fun here! The only down side is that rather than following the ball around the table, the on-screen view flips from the top to bottom, which can make you feel queasy when you're concentrating! The combination of monster catching and addictive action is a sure-fire winner though – it was certainly a big hit with us!

Summing up:
A great play for pinball and Pokéfans alike!

Score 4/5

Pokémon Trading Card Game

Format: Game Boy Color
Issue reviewed: 1

This game includes all the elements of the Wizards card game. Anyone who has played the Trading Card Game will love this Game Boy version, as it enables you to practise playing cards without damaging your trophies. For other fans, this could be a great way to learn how to play, but may not be of great interest to all of you Pokémon trainers!

Summing up:
All Pokémon trainers need this game!

Score 4/5

Pokémon Gold and Silver

Format: Game Boy Color
Issue reviewed: 1

The follow-ups to the hugely successful Red, Blue and Yellow, these fantastic Game Boy titles introduced a whole new world to the budding Pokémon Master – the land of Johto. Players must travel around, as before, catching and training Pokémon, but with exciting new features such as real-time play.

Summing up:
The king and queen of Pokémon games!

Score 5/5

Pokémon Yellow

Format: Game Boy Color
Issue reviewed: 1

After the success of the cartoon series, Nintendo released this follow-up to the first two games. Pokémon Yellow is similar to Pokémon Red and Blue, only you will receive Pikachu as your very first Pokémon and he will follow you around all the time, like in the cartoon. You will still need to trade to catch 'em all – but other than that, it is almost the same game as Red and Blue.

Summing up:
Nearly the same as Red and Blue

Score 4/5

Pokémon Colosseum

Format: GameCube
Issue reviewed: 38

Playing a lot like Pokémon Stadium on the N64 but without the mini-games, Colosseum features what is quite simply, the best battle system and Story mode ever created. Supporting all 386 monsters of the Pokémon world, Colosseum also gives you the chance to catch Jirachi himself. It also doesn't hurt to have the best graphics of any Pokémon game before it!

Summing up:
Probably the best Pokémon game yet!

Score 5/5

Pokémon Crystal

Format: Game Boy Color
Issue reviewed: 4

The latest instalment in the Pokémon saga is an alternative edition of Gold and Silver that is, essentially, the ultimate Pokémon GBC game – provided you don't own Gold or Silver. Anyone who does will find it all strangely familiar! However, little enhancements, like animated battle sequences, add to the experience and some Pokémon locations and frequencies have changed, meaning Pokémaniacs will still find this Nintendo gem a sparkling little treat!

Summing up:
The last instalment on the GBC is a great way to end the series!

Score 3/5

Pokémon Puzzle Challenge

Format: Game Boy Color
Issue reviewed: 8

Pokémon on the Game Boy isn't just about collecting monsters and working out in gyms, you know – oh no! This backwards Tetris-style game has players busting blocks at speed, and is totally and utterly addictive. It's the perfect game to fill the time between monster battling – but are your fingers fast enough?

Summing up:
This version of Tetris, the greatest puzzler ever, is great to play!

Score 4/5

GAMES REVIEWED!

Pokémon Stadium

Format: Nintendo 64
Issue reviewed: 3

The first N64 Pokémon game comes with an attachment to connect the console to the Game Boy. The Transfer Pak enables you to upload your very own captured and trained Pokémon and battle them in full 3D on the N64. There are a wide range of cups and challenges to complete and when you are ready you can take on the Gym Leaders. There are nine mini-games too!

Summing up:
Pokémon look great with the N64's graphics!

Score 4/5

Pokémon Snap

Format: Nintendo 64
Issue Reviewed: 3

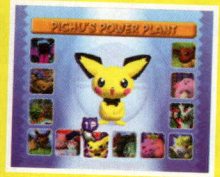
Snap is a highly enjoyable and surprisingly addictive game for the Nintendo 64, which sees you travelling around photographing wild Pokémon in their habitats. Unfortunately, it's completed just a little too easily. On the plus side though, you have every reason to keep coming back again and again to try and improve your Pokémon pictures!

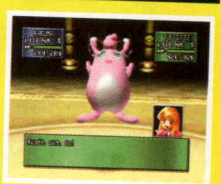
Summing up:
Take photos of all your favourite Pokémon!

Score 4/5

Pokémon Stadium 2

Format: Nintendo 64
Issue reviewed: 7





After the storming success of the first Pokémon Stadium game, this 3D battlefest has now burst on to the Pokémon scene, complete with 249 monsters ready for battle. It follows the same idea as the original, but boasts a whole stack of wacky new features, including new tournaments, brain-busting quizzes and more!

Summing up:
A bit too easy, but there's loads of replay value!

Score 4/5

Hey You, Pikachu!

Format: Nintendo 64
Issue reviewed: 4

At the end of the day, the idea of talking to Pikachu is something of a letdown. Our yellow pal seems to find it very hard to understand a lot of what you say and the games that you get to play with him are very simple and ultimately rather dull. Hey You, Pikachu! is a game which is very novel to begin with, and fun for a while, but it quickly becomes boring.

Summing up:
Awkward to play and a bit too techie.

Score 3/5

Pokémon Channel

Format: GameCube
Issue reviewed: 37

Although this joyous title is stting in the shadow of Colosseum, there's no denying that it is certainly one of the most original Pokémon videogames of all time! With Pikachu as the main star, the aim of the game is to get the Pokémon TV station up and running. To do this you must play through a whole host of superb games, including Odd One Out, Mareep Farm, Smeargle's Art Study and our personal favourite, Smoochum Shape-Up which sees Pikachu try and burn some calories infront of the telly! It may be similar to the N64's Hey You Pikachu! but there's no denying that this is one brilliant game!

Summing up:
A brilliant addition to the Poké-franchise!

Score 5/5

Pokémon Puzzle League

Format: Nintendo 64
Issue reviewed: 5

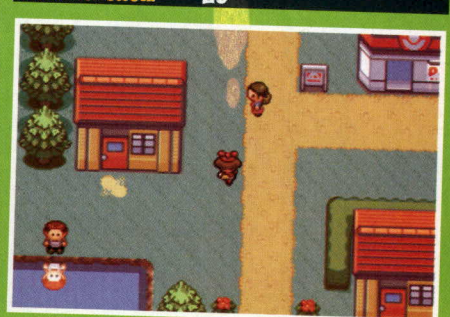
This N64 Pokémon game will have you bashing your joypad frantically in a move-blocks-or-die puzzlefest to end all puzzlefests. Crazily addictive, this Tetris-inspired game sparked furious rivalries in the normally mild-mannered Pokémon World team, the likes of which haven't been seen since Professor Yew won the egg and spoon race in the office sports day!

Summing up:
Incredibly addictive and competitive!

Score 4/5

Pokémon Ruby and Sapphire

Format: Game Boy Advance
Issue Reviewed: 29



After all the waiting, Ruby and Sapphire didn't disappoint. With loads of monsters, two-on-two battles, the new land of Hoenn to explore and many more exciting extras, these are must-have games! So far, only 200 Pokémon are available, but they're all in there somewhere! This is highly recommended for all Pokéfans, and even people who don't like Pokémon might change their minds after playing these games!

Summing up:
Fantastic! We can't get enough of them!

Score 5/5

Warning! Some of the older games on these pages might be hard to find, particularly for old systems like the N64. You'll probably have to buy online or do a bit of searching in second-hand videogame stores.

monster of the month

Spoink

Evolution: Evolves to Grumpig

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Type: Psychic **Height:** 2' 4" **Weight:** 67lbs

Special Ability: Thick Fat/Own Tempo

Description: We've met some very strange Pokémon on our travels, but there's none stranger than Spoink. This pig/spring creature keeps a pearl on top of its head. The pearl functions to amplify this Pokémon's psychokinetic powers. It is therefore on a constant search for a bigger pearl!

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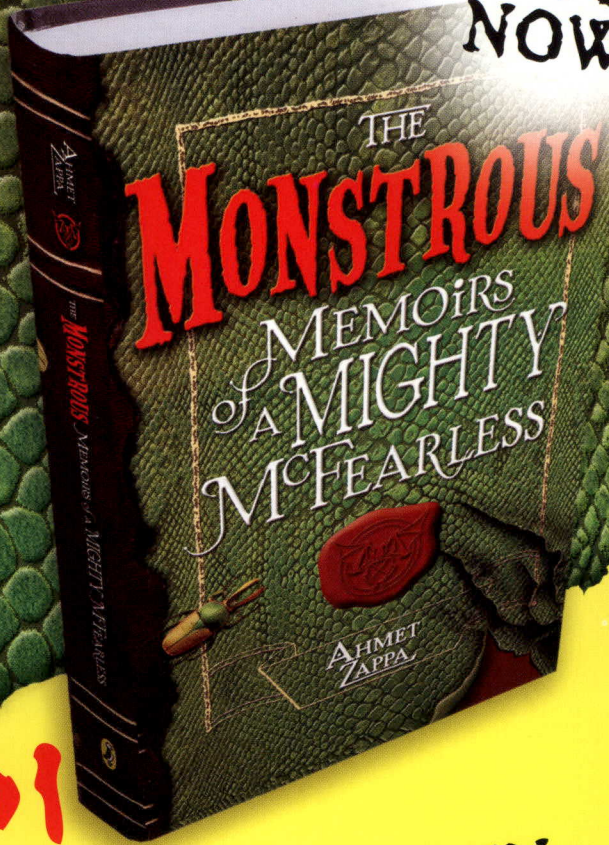

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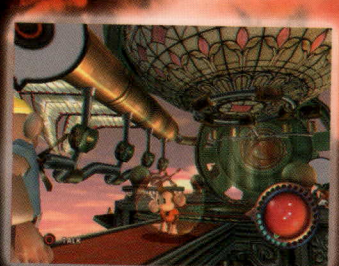

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